

# THE PROPHET EZEKIEL

The period of Ezekiel's Office as Prophet was from 595 to 574 B.C.

## The Call of Ezekiel.

1 **I**T was in the thirty-fourth year in  
the fifth month, when I was  
amongst the captives located by the  
Great River, the skies opened, and I  
2 saw some visions from GOD. It was  
in the fifth month of the fifth year of  
the transportation of King Jhoiakim  
3 that the command of the EVER-  
LIVING came to Ezekiel-ben-Buzi,  
the priest, in the country of the  
Kasdim, by the Great River, that  
the hand of the EVER-LIVING came  
there upon him.

## The Vision of the Four Beings.

4 Then I looked, and saw a raging  
wind from the north driving a great  
cloud, and whirling fire flashing  
around it, with the gleam of polished  
5 brass in the centre of the fire. There  
were representations of four Beings  
in the centre,—and those Beings had  
the appearance of human forms.  
6 But each had four faces, and each  
7 had four pair of wings. Their feet,  
however, were perpendicular, and  
the soles of their feet like the feet of  
a calf, but sparkling like the glitter  
8 of bright brass. They also had arms  
like a man under their wings, at  
their four sides,—and their faces,  
9 and pairs of wings were four. These  
wings were attached together at the  
sockets. The men did not face  
about when they advanced—they  
10 went straight before each face. The  
form of one face was like that of a  
man, but the four had the face of a  
lion on the right side; and the four  
had the face of an ox, on the left  
side; and the four had the face of an  
11 eagle. Their faces were thus.

When ascending they spread their  
wings. Each had a couple of wings  
attached together. But two covered  
12 their bodies, and each in advancing  
went straight before himself. To  
whatever point the wind proceeded,  
they went, they never turned face

for their journey. And with the 13  
Beings, forms appeared, like burning  
coals of fire;—like the appearance of  
lamps;—who marched amongst the  
Beings with sparkling fire, and light-  
nings shot from the fire. The Beings 14  
also ran and danced like lightning.

So I watched the Beings;—and 15  
saw a wheel on the earth at the side  
of the Beings, at each of their faces.  
The appearance of these wheels, and 16  
their substance was like the gleam of  
amber;—the form of all four, their  
appearance and substance was as if  
a wheel were within a wheel.<sup>1</sup> In 17  
advancing, they advanced towards  
the four quarters, without facing  
about to advance, and they had rims 18  
to them,—and it seemed these rims  
were full of eyes, round all four of  
them, and when the Beings advanced, 19  
the wheels advanced at their side,  
and when the Beings ascended from  
the earth, the wheels ascended.  
Wherever the wind decided to go,— 20  
they went wherever the wind went,—  
and the wheels ascended with them,  
—for the wind enlivened the wheels.  
On its advancing,—they advanced; 21  
on its standing,—they stood; for the  
wind enlivened the wheels.

An appearance was above the 22  
Beings like sparkling ice, extended  
high up over their heads; and 23  
beneath this expansion they spread  
their wings in association. Each  
had two to cover their bodies with,  
on one side,—and each had two to  
cover the other side; and I heard 24  
the sound of their wings, like the  
sound of many waters,—like the  
sound of waterfalls, when they  
advanced, the sound of a storm of  
rain,—like the sound of a camp!  
When they stood still, they drooped

<sup>1</sup> A wheel within a circle, evidently in this form—



25 their wings. When a voice came from above the expanse over their heads,—standing they drooped their wings.

26 Above the Expanse that was over their heads there was an appearance like a sapphire stone formed into a throne,—and upon that form of a throne, like the appearance of a man sitting upon it. I also saw a sparkle

27 like amber,—and an appearance like the appearance of a fire enclosed him, with a similar appearance from his waist upwards, and a similar appearance below his waist;—I saw it like the appearance of fire, and it

28 gleamed around him, like the appearance of the bow that comes in the clouds when it rains,—that was the appearance which gleamed around,—the appearance of the Form was a

LIVING-GLORY. And when I saw it I fell on my face, and heard a Commanding Voice, which said to me;—

2 “Son of Adam, stand on your feet! and I will speak to you.”  
3 And breath came to me as He spoke, and I stood on my feet, and 3 listened to His command, as He said to me;—

#### The First Mission.

“Son of Adam, I will send you to the children of Israel,—to a rebellious Nation,—who have rebelled against Me. They and their ancestors have revolted from Me, to this very day!

4 They are hard-faced and stiff-hearted lads, to whom I send you! therefore you must say, ‘Thus says the 5 Almighty LORD!’—whether they listen or refuse,—for they are a rebellious family,—yet will know that a 6 Preacher has come to them. So, Son of Adam, fear them not,—or their threats,—although you are among briars and thorns, and live amongst scorpions. Fear not their threats, nor be depressed by their faces, for 7 they are a rebellious family, but proclaim My Message to them,—whether they listen or refuse!—for they are a rebellious family.

8 “You, however, Son of Adam, listen to what I say to you;—be not rebellious,—like that rebellious family. Open your mouth and eat what I give you.”

#### The Book to be Eaten.

9 Then I looked and saw a hand approach me, with a Roll-book in it,

and it spread it before me, and it was written on the front and the back,—and the writing was about wailing, and lamentation, and woe!

Then He said to me: “Son of 3 Adam! Eat what you have found. Eat this volume! and go and speak to the House of Israel.”

So I opened my mouth, and He 2 made me eat that volume.

Then He said to me: “Son of 3 Adam! Let your belly eat, and fill your stomach with that volume, which I have given you.”

I consequently ate it, and it was as sweet as honey to my mouth!

He afterwards said to me: “Son of 4 Adam! Go,—approach,—the House of Israel, and report My Message to them; for I do not send you to a 5 People of deep lips, and heavy tongue, but to the House of Israel,—not to 6 many Nations of deep lip and heavy tongue, whose language you could not understand if I sent you to them,—they might listen to you,—but the 7 House of Israel will not be desirous to listen to you,—for they are not willing to listen to Me,—for all the House of Israel are hard-browed and stiff-hearted. However I will give 8 you a bold face against their faces; and a bold brow against their brows. As a diamond is harder than flint, I 9 have made your brow. Fear not, nor submit to them,—for they are a rebellious family.”

He also said to me, “Son of Adam! 10 Take all the commands I entrust to you, to your heart, and listen with your ears, and go, approach to the 11 captivity of the children of your people, and address them, and say, ‘Thus says the ALMIGHTY LORD!’—whether they listen, or whether they refuse!”

Then the wind carried me along 12 and I heard behind me a great rushing sound,—proceeding from the dwelling of the MIGHTY LORD, and 13 the sound of the wings of the Beings clapping one against the other,—and the sound of the wheels accompanying them,—and the sound of a great rushing. So the wind took me up, 14 and seized me, and I went better, in heat of my breath, and the hand of the EVER-LIVING was strongly upon me. Thus I was brought to the 15 transports of Thel-abib, who were settled by the Great River, and who resided there, and I stayed there

seven days amongst them in a stupor.

- 16 But at the end of the seven days, the command of the EVER-LIVING  
 17 came to me to say; "Son of Adam! I have placed you as a watchman for the House of Israel, therefore listen to a message from My mouth, and  
 18 instruct them from Me. When I say to the wicked, 'You shall die!' and you do not inform him or do not speak to the wicked to warn him from his evil way, to revive him—the wicked will die in his wickedness, but I will seek his blood on your  
 19 hand! But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, — and from his evil way,—the wicked shall die in his sin, but you will have redeemed your soul.  
 20 "And when a good man abandons right, and does wrong, when I reprove him openly he shall die. He will die, if you have not warned him of his sin, for the right that he did will not be remembered; but I will  
 21 seek his blood on your hand. But if you warn the good not to sin, and he ceases from sin, he will live, if he took warning;—and you will have redeemed your soul."

### The Message from the Valley to Jerusalem.

- 22 The hand of the EVER-LIVING came upon me again, and He said, "Arise, go out to the valley, and I will speak to you there."  
 23 So I arose and went out to the valley, and saw the DIVINE SPLENDOR standing there, like the splendour that I saw by the Great River, —and I fell upon my face.  
 24 Then breath came to me, and I raised myself upon my feet, and He spoke to me and said:  
 25 "Go! Shut yourself in your house! But, son of Adam, they will put ropes and chains upon you, so that you may  
 26 not go out amongst them. I also will fix your tongue to your palate, and make you dumb, so that you cannot be a reprover of them,—for they are  
 27 a rebellious family! But when I speak to you, I will open your mouth, when you must say to them, 'Thus says the MIGHTY LORD.' Listen, and faint! for they are a rebellious family.

### The Doom of Jerusalem.

"So now, son of Adam, take a tile<sup>1</sup> 4 and place it before you, and draw upon it the city of Jerusalem. And pourtray upon it a siege, and build 2 a rampart against it; heap up an embankment against it, and represent camps against it, and place battering rams around it. Then take 3 an iron plate, and make of it a wall of iron between you and the city, and fix your face towards it, and let it be a siege, and besiege it. That shall be a sign to the House of Israel.

"You must also lie on your left side, 4 and place the frailties of the House of Israel upon it; for the number of days that you lie upon it, you shall carry the frailties of the House of Israel; for I have laid upon you the 5 years of their frailty, by the number of the days,—three hundred and ninety days, during which you shall carry the frailty of Israel. But when 6 you have accomplished these, then you shall lie upon your right side again, and bear the frailty of the House of Judah for forty days,—a day for a year,—a day for a year,— I have laid upon you.

"Then set before you the siege of 7 Jerusalem, and strip your arm, and preach against it. So look! I will 8 put bonds on you, and you shall not turn from side to side, until the time of the siege is completed. Also take 9 wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentils, and spilt, and millet, and put them into the same dish, and make bread of them for yourself. For the prescribed period that you are to be on your side; you shall eat it for three hundred and ninety days. You 10 must eat it by weight of ten shekels a day; eat it from time to time. Also drink your water by measure,— 11 the sixth part of a hin. Drink it from time to time. Eat it like barley 12 cakes, and bake them with human dung in their sight!"

And the LORD added; "The 13 children of Israel shall eat their bread defiled like that, by the heathen, to whom I drive them."

But I replied, "Oh! MIGHTY 14

<sup>1</sup> NOTE.—Ch. 4, v. 1, "a tile." As before noted in Jeremiah, these "tiles" or tablets of clay were the usual means of writing upon in that time. Large quantities of them can be seen in the Assyrian Court of the British Museum.

LORD, look at my life! I have not defiled myself,—nor have I ever eaten a dead carcase, or one that has been torn, from my youth until now;—nor has foul food entered my mouth."

- 15 However He answered me, "Look! I will appoint cow-dung instead of human-dung, so prepare your food with that."  
 16 Then He said to me, "Son of Adam! I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem, and they shall eat bread by weight, and in dread; and drink by measure and measure,  
 17 because they shall be destitute of bread and water, and each suspect his brother, and waste away in their sin.

### The Prophet ordered to Shave his Head and Beard.

- 5 "Also, son of Adam, take a sharp sword to apply to yourself as a barber's razor, and pass it over your head, and over your beard. Then take a weighing scales, and divide  
 2 them. Burn a third part in a fire, in the middle of the city, when the time of the siege is completed. Then take a third part, and chop about it with the sword: and scatter that third part to the wind, and I will fling the sword  
 3 after them. But you must reserve a small number of them, and put them  
 4 in your pocket. However, you must take some, and throw them into the fire, and burn them in the fire, when a flame shall spring from them against all the House of Israel."  
 5 Then the MIGHTY LORD said; "I have set this Jerusalem in the centre of the heathen with countries around  
 6 her. But she perverted My decrees to wrong more than the heathen; and My institutions more than the countries<sup>1</sup> who are around her,—for she rejected My decrees, and would not follow My institutions.  
 7 "Therefore," thus the MIGHTY LORD says, "because you rage against My institutions more than the heathen around you, by not following them, and have not practised My decrees, but have acted according to the decrees of the  
 8 heathen around you.<sup>1</sup> Therefore "

<sup>1</sup> NOTE.—Ch. 5, vv. 5, 7. See Romans, chaps. 1, 2, 3, in reference to this statement.—F. F.

(the MIGHTY LORD says this), "I am opposed to you! I, Myself,—and I will execute amongst you My own decrees, in the sight of the heathen. For I will effect upon you, what I  
 9 have not done, and what I will never do again like it,—because of all your depravities. Therefore parents shall  
 10 eat their children amongst you, and children will eat their parents! And when I have done justice on you,—I will scatter all the remnant of you to the wind. So, by My own life,"  
 11 says the MIGHTY LORD, "because you have polluted My Sanctuary with all your filth, and with all your depravities, I also will avert Myself, and My eye will not pity, and I will not spare! A third of you shall die  
 12 by plague and famine consuming among you; and a third will fall by the sword around you; and I will scatter a third to every wind, and fling a sword after them! Then My  
 13 anger will be completed, and My wrath satisfied upon them, and I will rest, and they will recognize that I, the EVER-LIVING, have spoken in My zeal to accomplish My indignation upon them.

"I will also make you a heap of  
 14 ashes, and a scorn to the heathen around you;—to the eyes of every passer-by. And you shall become a  
 15 scorn and an insulting proverb, and an astonishment to the heathen about you, when I have executed upon you the decrees of My anger and indignation, and these reproofs (I, the EVER-LIVING, have said it); and when I send the cruel arrows of  
 16 famine upon you,—which bring destruction to those to whom I send them, and increase famine among you, and break your staff of bread. For I will send famine upon  
 17 you, and savage beasts, who will bereave you,—and plague, and bloodshed shall pass through you. I will also bring a sword against you,—I, the EVER-LIVING, have said it!"

### The Doom of the Land of Israel.

The command of the EVER-LIVING 6 came to me afterwards, to say:—

"Son of Adam! Set your face 2 against the mountains of Israel, and preach to them, and say,

"Mountains of Israel! listen to the 3 words of the MIGHTY LORD! Thus says the MIGHTY LORD to the mountains and hills, to the torrents, and

valleys, I, Myself, will bring a sword  
 4 against you! and reduce your peaks,  
 and desolate your altars, and shatter  
 your pillars, and throw down your  
 5 slain before your idols! And lay the  
 corpses of the children of Israel  
 before their idols, and scatter their  
 6 bones about their altars. All your  
 inhabited villages shall be ashes,—  
 and your columns shall be desolate,  
 so that your altars may be reduced  
 to ashes and be desolated, and  
 shattered, and your idols shivered,  
 and your Sun-pillar cut down, and  
 7 your fabrications be blotted out, and  
 your wounded shall fall amongst you,  
 and you recognize that I am the LORD.  
 8 However you shall have a remnant  
 who will escape from the sword,  
 scattered amongst the lands of the  
 9 heathen. And those fugitives will  
 remember Me among the heathen  
 where they reside, when I have  
 broken their whorelike heart, which  
 turned from Me; and their whorelike  
 eyes from following their idols,—and  
 will turn their attention to the wrongs  
 they committed in all their depravi-  
 10 ties. Then they will recognize that  
 I am the LORD. I have not lightly  
 threatened to inflict all these miseries  
 upon them."

### The Prophet ordered to Bewail his Country.

11 Then the EVER-LIVING said:—  
 "Clap your hands, and stamp your  
 feet, and exclaim, 'Alas! for all the  
 sins that the House of Israel has  
 sinned which will overthrow them by  
 the sword, and famine and plague!  
 12 Those afar will die by disease! and  
 those near will fall by the sword, and  
 the remainder, and the besieged, will  
 die by famine,'—when My indignation  
 13 will be satisfied on them. You will  
 then know that I am the EVER-  
 LIVING, when your wounded are  
 among your idols, around your altars,  
 on every high hill, on every mountain  
 top, and under every leafy tree, and  
 under every shady oak;—the places  
 where they appointed to diffuse per-  
 14 fumes to their idols! But I will  
 extend My hand over them, and  
 make their country desolate;—more  
 desolate than the desert of Diblah,  
 in all their villages,—when they  
 will learn that I am the EVER-  
 LIVING."

### Doom of Israel's Fields.

The command of the EVER-  
 LIVING again came to me to say:

"And now, son of Adam, the 2  
 MIGHTY LORD says this to the fields  
 of Israel; 'An end, an end has  
 come to the four wings of the land!  
 The end is now upon you,—and I 3  
 have sent My anger to you, and have  
 convicted according to your practices,  
 and laid all your depravities upon  
 you! My eye, therefore, will not 4  
 pity you; and I will not relent,  
 but will lay your practices upon you,  
 and your depravities are in your  
 breast,—and you shall learn that I  
 am the EVER-LIVING.'"

The MIGHTY LORD also said:— 5  
 "Look! A misery, a peculiar misery  
 has come! The end has come! 6  
 The end,—your end,—see it has come!  
 The point has come to you,—in- 7  
 habiter of the land,—the time has  
 come, the day is near, a noise, but  
 not of pleasure, upon the hills! Now 8  
 I will soon pour out My indignation  
 upon you! and satisfy My anger  
 against you, and convict you accord-  
 ing to your ways, and lay on you all  
 your depravities: and My eye will not 9  
 pity, nor relent. I will lay upon you  
 according to your proceedings, and  
 your depravities shall be in your  
 breast; when you will recognize that  
 I, the EVER-LIVING, punish.

"Look at the time! Look! it has 10  
 come! The turning point has passed!  
 The shoot has blossomed;—the pride  
 has budded! Oppression has grown 11  
 into a support of wickedness, and  
 neither from themselves and not from  
 their wealth, nor from their numbers  
 will there be comfort for them!  
 The period has come,—the day has 12  
 arrived; let not the buyer be glad,  
 nor the seller sorry,—for there is fury  
 against all their wealth; for the seller 13  
 will not be restored to what he sold,—  
 even although they are alive, for the  
 vision is against the whole mass;—  
 none shall return, nor can anyone  
 preserve himself whose life is in  
 wickedness!

"They blow, they blow with the 14  
 trumpet,—but none come to the  
 battle! for My wrath is against the  
 whole mass! The sword is in the 15  
 street, and disease and famine in the  
 house! Whoever is in the field dies  
 by the sword,—and famine and disease  
 devours whoever is in the City!

16 And the fugitives fly; and shall be upon the hills like flocks of doves,—  
 17 each moaning in his frailty! Every hand is feeble,—and every knee weak  
 18 as water! And they gird themselves in sacks, and clothe in trembling, and depression is on every face, and  
 19 baldness on every head! They will fling their silver into the streets, and gold will be flung away;—silver and gold will be unable to deliver them in the day of the indignation of the EVER-LIVING. They cannot satisfy their bodies, nor fill their stomachs;—they were the trap for their sin.  
 20 They turned its beautiful glitter to pride, and made it into images of their filthy depravities! Therefore I will  
 21 disgust them with it! and give it to the hands of foreigners as plunder, and to the wicked of the earth for  
 22 loot, and defile it. I will also turn My face from them, and they shall violate My treasury, and burglars shall enter and rob it.  
 23 “Make a chain,—for the land is full of convicted murderers,—and the  
 24 city is full of oppression, and I will bring the worst heathen, who will seize their houses, when I shall destroy the pride of the powerful, and they shall share up their treasures.  
 25 Distress will come, when they will  
 26 seek rest;—but none be! Calamity shall come on calamity,—and report come upon report. They will seek a vision from the Preacher, but guidance will depart from the priest, and  
 27 counsel from the nobles. Their king shall mourn, and the princes be clothed with desolation! and the hand of the People of the land be weak! I will act towards them from their own standpoint,—and by their own decisions I will convict them,—then they will learn that I am the EVER-LIVING.”

### The Vision in the Presence of the Nobles. The Visit in Spirit to Jerusalem.

8 It occurred in the sixth year, on the fifth of the sixth month, I was sitting in my house, and some nobles of Judah sat before me, when the hand of the MIGHTY LORD fell upon me  
 2 there. So I looked, and saw a form with the appearance of fire;—appearing so from its waist downwards, fiery, and upwards from its waist like the appearance of gold,—with a

glitter of polished brass. Then it 3 stretched out the form of a hand and seized me by the locks of my head, and lifted me in spirit between the earth and the sky, and brought me to Jerusalem, to visions of GOD, to the open gate that faces towards the north,—where the Statue of Jealousy 4 is stationed, that punishes jealousy. And I saw there the MAJESTIC GOD of Israel,—similar to the appearance I saw in the valley. Then He said to 5 me, “Son of Adam, raise your eyes towards the North.”

### Pagan Debaucheries in the Temple.

So I raised my eyes towards the north, and saw from the north at the entry of the gate, the altar of this Image of Jealousy.

He then asked me, “Son of Adam! 6 see what they are doing!—the great depravities that the House of Israel practise openly within My Sanctuary! Turn again, and you will see greater depravities!”

He then took me to the open 7 square, and I looked, and saw a hole in the wall, when he said, “Son 8 of man, break the wall!”

So I broke the wall, and made an opening.

Then he said to me, “Come, and 9 look on the foul depravities that they practise here!”

I consequently went and looked, 10 and saw images of every reptile, and spawning beast, and all the Idols of the House of Israel painted upon the wall all round, and seventy men of 11 the nobles of the House of Israel, and Jazaniah-ben-Shefan standing in the middle of the assembly before them and each with censers in his hand, and clouds of incense arising.

He then asked me, “Do you see, 12 son of man, what the nobles of Israel do in secret,—each in his chamber of paintings? for they say ‘The LORD cannot see us! The LORD cares nothing about the earth!’”

He afterwards said to me, “Turn 13 again, and look at the greater depravities that they practise,” and he 14 brought me opposite to the gate of the House of the EVER-LIVING on the north side, and I saw there women sitting to weep for Thamuz, when he asked me, “Son of man, do 15 you see how they sit? Turn again and you shall see greater depravities than these!”

16 Then He took me to the inner court of the House of the EVER-LIVING, and I saw before the Temple of the EVER-LIVING, between the porch and the altar, about twenty-five persons with their back towards the Temple of the EVER-LIVING, and their faces towards the East, and they were worshipping the Eastern

17 Sun. When he asked me, "Do you see, Son of Adam, the contempt the House of Judah show? and the depravities which they practise here? For they fill the country with outrage, and continue to provoke me. Look how they wave twigs before

18 their faces! Therefore I, also, will work in wrath! My eye shall not pity, nor spare,—although they call with a loud voice to my ears, I will not hear them."

9 Then he shouted with a loud voice in my hearing, saying,

"Guards of the city approach! and each have his deadly weapon in his hand!"

2 And I saw six men come towards the High Gate that faces to the north, and each with a battle axe in his hand;—but one man among them in trousers with a writer's ink bottle at his waist, and they advanced and stood at the side of the Brazen Altar.

3 Then the splendour of the GOD of Israel came up from above the kerub upon which it was, to the threshold of the House. He then summoned the man who was clothed in trousers, who had the ink-bottle at his

4 waist, and the EVER-LIVING said to him:

"Pass through this city,—through Jerusalem, and write a mark upon the foreheads of the men who grieve and mourn over the depravities that

5 are practised in it." But to the others He said in my hearing, "Pass through the city after him and strike. Let not your eyes pity, and spare not!—old men, boys, and girls, and infants, and women,—kill, to destruction.

6 But do not assail any man upon whom there is a mark,—and start at My Sanctuary."

They consequently started with the noblemen who were at the front of the House.

7 Then he said to them,—“Defile the House, and fill the Court with the slain! Advance!”

8 So they advanced and assailed the city. But while they were assailing

and I was left alone, I fell on my face, and shrieked, and said,

“Oh! MIGHTY LORD! will You destroy all the fragments of Israel? in pouring out Your wrath upon Jerusalem?”

But He replied to me, “The fault 9 of the House of Israel and Judah is very, very great. They have filled the country with blood; and the city is full of extortion, for they say, ‘The LORD cares nothing about the earth,’ and ‘GOD never looks.’ Therefore 10 My eyes will not pity nor spare. I will return the result of their idea upon their own Head.”

Then I saw the man in trousers, who had the ink-bottle at his waist, reported the result, saying, “I have done as You commanded me.”

I then looked, and saw in the 10 expanse over the heads of the Kerubim, there was like a sapphire gem, formed into a Throne, with AN EXISTENCE upon it, Who spoke to the man clothed in trousers, and 2 said, “Go to the revolutionary space beneath the Kerub, and fill your hands with burning coals from the space of the Kerubim, and scatter them over the city.” So he went in my sight. And the Kerubim stood at 3 the right side of the House when the man entered; and a cloud filled the forecourt. The splendour of the 4 EVER-LIVING arose, also, from above the Kerub to over the threshold of the House, and the House was filled with a cloud, and the court full of the splendour of the LORD; and the 5 noise of the wings of the Kerubs was heard above the outer court, like the voice of the ALMIGHTY when speaking. And when He commanded the man 6 clothed in the trousers, saying, “Take fire from the space of revolution—from the space of the Kerubim,” he entered and stood beside 7 his hand from the space of the Kerubim to the fire that is in the space of the Kerubim, and took some, and put it into the hands of the man clothed in trousers, and he took it and went out. Then I perceived the 8 Kerubim had human shaped hands under their wings.

I looked again, and saw four wheels 9 beside the Kerubs, a single wheel to each Kerub, and a single wheel at the side of each Kerub, and the appearance of the wheels was like

10 the glitter of an amber stone. The  
 11 form of each of the four of them as if  
 they had wheels within wheels. As  
 for their progression they could pro-  
 ceed in four directions. They did  
 not face about to advance, but to the  
 spot that was ahead of their face they  
 proceeded, they did not face about to  
 12 advance to it. And all their bodies,  
 and backs, and hands and wings;—as  
 well as the wheels;—were full of eyes  
 13 as around the four wheels. Their  
 wheels were called in my hearing  
 14 "The Revolution." Each, also, had  
 four faces for himself. The first was  
 the face of a Kerub; the second the  
 15 face of a Man; the third the face of  
 a Lion; and the fourth the face of an  
 Eagle; but the Kerub stood upright.  
 They were the BEINGS I saw by the  
 16 Great River. When the Kerubs  
 advance, the wheels beside them  
 advance; and when the Kerubs raise  
 their wings to rise up from the earth,  
 the wheels do not abandon them,—  
 17 they accompany them. When those  
 stand,—they stand; and when those  
 mount—they mount, for there is a  
 breath of life in them.  
 18 Then the splendour of the EVER-  
 LIVING removed from over the  
 threshold of the House, and rested  
 19 over the Kerubim, and the Kerubs  
 raised their wings from the earth in  
 my sight to depart, and the wheels  
 went with them, and stood opposite  
 the Eastern Gate of the House of the  
 EVER-LIVING, and the splendour of  
 the GOD of Israel was above them.  
 20 These were the BEINGS that I saw  
 beneath the GOD of Israel at the  
 Great River,<sup>1</sup>—and I knew they were  
 21 Kerubim,—each was four faced, with  
 human formed hands beneath their  
 22 wings; and the form of their faces  
 was like the faces I saw by the Great  
 River; and they could advance for-  
 ward from each of them.  
 11 Thus when the wind lifted, and  
 brought me to the Eastern Gate of  
 the House of the EVER-LIVING,  
 facing eastwards, I saw opposite the  
 gate twenty-five men, and observed  
 in the centre of them Jazaniah-ben-  
 Azur, and Platiah - ben - Benjah,  
 Princes of the people.  
 2 Then He said to me, "Son of  
 Adam! These men contrive folly,

1 "River Kebar," if translated from the Arabic, means "the Great River," and was undoubtedly the Euphrates, or, in Hebrew, the Frath.—F. F.

and advise bad advice in this city;—  
 who say, 'Is it not time to build 3  
 houses? The pot is here, and we  
 shall find flesh!' However, Son of 4  
 Adam! preach against them,—preach,  
 Son of Adam!"

Then the spirit of the EVER-LIVING 5  
 fell upon me, and said to me:—  
 "Thus says the EVER-LIVING. You  
 say so, House of Israel, and I know  
 the products of your mind. You 6  
 have extended this city, and filled its  
 streets with murder. Therefore thus 7  
 says the MIGHTY LORD, The mur-  
 dered whom you have laid among  
 you, they are the flesh, and this is  
 the boiler and can you get out of it?  
 You have feared the sword;—but I 8  
 will bring a sword upon you!" The  
 MIGHTY LORD says it! "However 9  
 I will pull you out of it, and give you  
 into the hands of foreigners, who  
 will execute your sentences. You 10  
 shall fall by the sword. At the  
 boundaries of Israel I will sentence  
 you, and you shall learn that I am  
 the EVER-LIVING. This shall not 11  
 be your pot, and you shall not be the  
 flesh in it;—on the boundaries of  
 Israel I will sentence you! and you 12  
 shall learn that I am the EVER-  
 LIVING, although you have not  
 walked by My institutions, and have  
 not executed My decrees, but you  
 have done according to the ideas of  
 the heathen who are around you."

But it happened that as I preached, 13  
 Platiah-ben-Beniah died! Then I  
 fell on my face, and exclaimed,  
 "Alas! MIGHTY LORD, will You  
 make an end of the fragments of  
 Israel?"

### God Promises Mercy even in Punishment. Pardon and Restoration Promised to Israel.

The message of the LORD after- 14  
 wards came to me to say:—"Son of 15  
 man! your brothers, your relatives  
 the men who could reclaim you, and  
 all the House of Israel, the inhabi-  
 tants of Jerusalem have said, to all of  
 them, 'Get off from the LORD! Who  
 has given this country for us to  
 possess.' Therefore say, 'Thus says 16  
 the MIGHTY LORD, Although I have  
 sent them afar to the heathen, and  
 although I have scattered them in  
 the countries,—yet I will be a little



Sanctuary to them in the countries to which I have brought them.'

- 17 "Therefore say, 'Thus says the MIGHTY LORD,—I will collect them from the nations, and gather them from the countries where I have scattered them, and will give to them  
18 the ground of Israel. And when they arrive there they will cast away all their pollutions and depravities from  
19 them. Then I will give them a single heart, and put a new spirit in their breast. I will remove the heart of stone from their body, and give them  
20 a heart of flesh,—so that they may walk by My Institutions, and regard My decrees, and practise them, and they will be My people, and I will be their GOD.  
21 "'But to those who proceed after their corrupt and depraved hearts, I will bring their own course on their heads,' says the MIGHTY LORD."

### Ezekiel Carried back in Spirit to Chalden.

- 22 Then the Kerubim raised their wings, and the wheels accompanied them, and the splendour of the GOD  
23 of Israel ascended above them. The splendour of the LORD also ascended from the centre of the city, and rested upon the hill to the east of the town.  
24 The wind then raised me and brought me to Kasdim, to the Transportation,—in the vision,—in the spirit of GOD. And the vision which I had seen departed from me, I afterwards reported to the Transports all the things from the EVER-LIVING that I had seen.

### The Prophet Ordered to Change his House.

- 12 Another time the command of the  
2 LORD came to me to say:—"Son of Adam! You are in the midst of a rebellious family, who have eyes to see, and see not; they have ears to hear, and hear not,—for they are a  
3 rebellious family. Consequently, Son of Adam, prepare your furniture for removal,—and remove it daily in their sight, and remove from your own home to another home in their sight. Perhaps they will look on,—although they are a rebellious family.  
4 So bring out your furniture, like furniture for removal, daily, in their sight, and go away at dusk in their  
5 sight as emigrants start. In their

sight break a hole through your wall, and go out by it. Carry a knapsack 6 on your shoulder in their sight. Go out in the dark with your face covered, and look not at the country,—for I am making you a sign to the House of Israel."

I consequently did as He com- 7 manded me. I brought out my furniture, like the furniture of an emigrant by day, and at evening I broke a hole in my wall, by hand. I went out in the dark, carrying a knapsack on my shoulder in their sight.

But the command of the EVER- 8 LIVING came to me in the morning to ask, "Son of man, when the House 9 of Israel, the rebellious family, ask what you were doing? Say to them, 10 'Thus says the MIGHTY LORD,

" 'This burden will load all Jerusalem, and all the House of Israel who are among them. Say, I am a 11 sign to you,—as I have done, so it shall be done to them,—they will be transported to captivity, and the 12 Prince amongst them shall have his shoulder loaded in darkness, and go out through the wall they have broken for him to go through, with covered face, so that he may not see the country with his eyes. For I will 13 spread My net over him, and take him in My snare, and bring him to Babel,—to the land of the Kasdim. However he shall not see it, although he will die there. And I will scatter 14 all his friends who are about him, and all his troops, to every wind, and draw a sword after them. Then they 15 will learn that I am the EVER-LIVING, when I drive them to the Heathen, and sow them over the countries. I 16 will, however, rescue a part from the sword, from the famine, and from disease,—so that they may relate all their depravities to the heathen wherever they go,—and learn that I am the EVER-LIVING.' "

### The Desolation of the Holy Land.

The command of the LORD came 17 again to me to say:—

"Son of Adam! Eat your bread in 18 terror, and drink your water with trembling and fear, and say to the 19 people of the country, Thus says the MIGHTY LORD to the inhabitants of Jerusalem,—to the soil of Israel. You shall eat your bread in fear, and drink your water in stupor, because the country is stripped of its products by

the oppression of its population.  
 20 Your populous cities will also become  
 heaps of ashes, and your country a  
 desert,—then you will learn that I  
 am the EVER-LIVING.”

### A Warning against Lying Proverbs.

21 The command of the EVER-LIVING  
 came again to me to say :  
 22 “Son of Adam! What is this  
 proverb among you of the soil of  
 Israel, that says, ‘The times are  
 extended, and every vision fails!’  
 23 Therefore say to them, Thus says  
 the MIGHTY LORD : I will abolish  
 that proverb, and they shall not again  
 repeat it in Israel. Consequently  
 say to them, ‘The times are near,  
 24 and result of every vision, when there  
 will be no futile vision, or flattering  
 25 divination in the House of Israel, for  
 I, the EVER-LIVING, will speak,—and  
 the thing I say will be done, and never  
 averted, for in your days—you rebel-  
 lious family—I will speak and accom-  
 plish!’” says the MIGHTY LORD.

### Predictions soon to Come.

26 Again the command of the EVER-  
 LIVING came to me to say :  
 27 “Son of Adam! Look! The  
 House of Israel say, ‘The vision  
 he sees is in the far future; and his  
 28 prophecy for distant periods!’ Con-  
 sequently say to them, ‘Thus says  
 the MIGHTY LORD, I will not delay  
 longer, whatever I say it will be  
 done!’” the MIGHTY LORD declares.  
 13 The command of the LORD came  
 to me again to say:—

### Denunciation of Sham Prophets.

2 “Son of Adam! Preach against  
 the preachers of Israel, and say to  
 the preachers of their own inventions,  
 —‘Listen to the message of the EVER-  
 3 LIVING! Thus says the MIGHTY  
 LORD to the wicked preachers who  
 follow their own invention, and see  
 4 nothing. Your preachers, Israel,  
 5 are like foxes in the ruins. They  
 have not mounted to the breaches;  
 they have not defended the walls for  
 the House of Israel, standing in the  
 battle, in the day of the EVER-LIVING!  
 6 You see deception and divine a lie,—  
 crying, ‘Thus says the LORD!’ when  
 the EVER-LIVING has not sent you,  
 —while they hoped for a reliable  
 7 messenger. Have you not invented

a false vision?—and divined a lying  
 tale, when you asserted, ‘The EVER-  
 LIVING says,’—and I never spoke?”

Therefore thus says the MIGHTY 8  
 LORD, “Because you speak falsehood  
 and invent a lie,—I am absolutely  
 opposed to you,” says the MIGHTY  
 LORD. “My hand will be against the 9  
 preachers of false visions, and the  
 diviners of a lie. They shall not  
 come to the Council of My People,  
 nor be recorded in the records of the  
 House of Israel, nor shall they arrive  
 at the soil of Israel,—until they learn  
 that I am the EVER-LIVING; because, 10  
 and because they have deluded My  
 people by exclaiming, ‘Peace!’ when  
 there was no peace, and build that  
 as a fence, and then daubed it with  
 mortar.

“Say to the mortar daubers, It will 11  
 fall! A swishing shower will come,  
 —and I will send flinging hail stones,  
 and a raging tearing wind, when the 12  
 wall will fall! Then will they not  
 ask you, ‘Where is the daub you  
 daubed upon it?’

“However,” the MIGHTY LORD says 13  
 this, “I will smash it by a wind in My  
 fury, and a sweeping rain shall come  
 in My anger, and hailstones in My  
 indignation to destroy, and break the 14  
 wall down, that you daubed with  
 mortar, and break it to the earth,  
 and bare its foundations, and it shall  
 fall with you under it! Then you  
 will learn that I am the EVER-LIVING.  
 Thus I will satisfy My indignation 15  
 against the wall, and those who  
 daubed it with mortar, when I ask  
 you, ‘Where is the wall? and where 16  
 is its daubing?’ You Preachers of  
 Israel, who preach to Jerusalem,  
 and view visions of peace for her,—  
 when there is no peace,” says the  
 EVER-LIVING.

“But you, son of Adam, set your 17  
 face against the daughters of your  
 people,—the preacheresses out of  
 their own invention,—and preach  
 against them,—and say, Thus says  
 the MIGHTY LORD :

“Woe to the sewers of pillows to 18  
 the sides of their arms! Who put  
 cushions of all heights on their heads  
 to hunt souls!—the hunted souls of  
 My people,—and living souls for  
 yourselves! And you have degraded 19  
 Me to My people for handfuls of  
 barley, and bits of bread! to kill the  
 souls who would not have died, and  
 to revive the souls that ought not to

be revived, for your lies, by My people  
 20 listening to your lies! Therefore  
 thus says the MIGHTY LORD :—I am  
 against the pillars that you hunt the  
 flying souls with, and will tear them  
 off from your arms, and liberate the  
 21 souls you hunt,—the flying souls! So  
 I will tear the pillows and deliver My  
 people from your hands, and they  
 shall be no more in your favour to be  
 hunted. Then you will learn that I  
 22 am the EVER-LIVING; although you  
 grieved the righthearthed by falsehood,  
 when I had not made them sad,—and  
 encouraged the wicked not to turn  
 23 from his wicked way of life. There-  
 fore you shall not again have sham  
 visions and divinations, for I will  
 deliver My People from your hands.  
 Then you will learn that I am the  
 EVER-LIVING."

### A Message to his Wicked Visitors.

14 Once some of the men from the  
 nobles of Israel came and sat before  
 2 me, when the EVER-LIVING com-  
 manded me to say :—  
 3 "Son of Adam! these men have  
 erected idols in their hearts, and put  
 the block of their passions before their  
 face. Ought they to enquire of Me?  
 4 Therefore speak to them, and say :—  
 'Thus says the MIGHTY LORD,—to  
 every one of the House of Israel who  
 sets up his idols in his heart, and puts  
 the block of his passions before his  
 face, and comes to the prophet,—I,  
 the EVER-LIVING will answer him  
 5 about it, by his numerous idols, so  
 that I may catch the House of Israel  
 in their hearts, where they have  
 separated themselves from Me, for  
 their numerous idols.'  
 6 "Therefore say to the House of  
 Israel, Thus says the MIGHTY LORD,  
 'Turn, turn from your idols! and  
 from all your depravities,—turn your  
 7 faces! For every one of the House of  
 Israel, and of the foreigners who reside  
 with Israel, who has separated him-  
 self from following Me, and has set  
 up idols in his heart, and placed the  
 block of his passions before his face,  
 —yet come to the Preacher for him  
 to enquire of Me! I, the EVER-LIV-  
 ING, will answer him for Myself!  
 8 and set My face against that man,  
 and set him for a wonder, and pro-  
 verb, and an outcast from My People.  
 Then you will learn that I am the  
 EVER-LIVING.

9 "And if the Preacher misleads,

when delivering a command, I, the  
 EVER-LIVING have not<sup>1</sup> misled that  
 Preacher! So I will then extend My  
 hand to him, and desolate him among  
 My People Israel! Thus they will bear  
 10 their fault,—both the Preacher and en-  
 quirer will be alike, so that the House  
 11 of Israel may no more be deluded by  
 seductions, and no more defile itself  
 by all their wickedness, but may  
 become My People, and I become  
 their GOD," says the MIGHTY LORD.

### God's Message to Wickedly Perverse Nations.

The command of the EVER-LIVING 12  
 also came to me to say :  
 "Son of Adam! When a country 13  
 sins against Me very perversely, and  
 I stretch My hand against it, and  
 break from it the staff of bread, and  
 send it famine, and cut off from it  
 men and cattle, if these three men, 14  
 Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it,  
 they might deliver their own lives by  
 their goodness," says the MIGHTY  
 LORD. "If I sent savage beasts upon 15  
 a country and it is desolated, so that  
 no one crosses it because of the  
 beasts, if these three men were in it,— 16  
 by My life," said the MIGHTY LORD,  
 "they should preserve neither sons  
 nor daughters,—they should only  
 preserve themselves,—and the coun-  
 try should become desolate! Or if 17  
 I bring a sword against that country,  
 and cut off from it men and cattle,  
 and have said to the sword, 'Pass  
 over the land, and cut off from it men  
 and cattle,' although these three men 18  
 were in it, by My life," says the  
 MIGHTY LORD, "they should not  
 preserve sons nor daughters, but only  
 preserve themselves. Or if I send a 19  
 disease to that country, and pour out  
 My indignation upon it in blood, to cut  
 men and cattle off from it,—although 20  
 Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, by  
 My life," said the MIGHTY LORD,  
 "they should not preserve sons or  
 daughters by their goodness,—they  
 might preserve their own lives!  
 Then," thus said the MIGHTY LORD, 21  
 "what will it be when I send My four  
 great judgments, plague, the sword,  
 and famine, and beasts against Jerusa-  
 lem, to cut off from it men and cattle?

1 NOTE.—Ch. 14, vv. 9, 11. It is clear that  
 ascribe has dropped the Hebrew negative  $\text{N}^{\text{h}}$ ,  
 which I restore for the sense.

22 "A portion, however, of her sons and daughters shall escape as fugitives. They shall come out to you, and you can see their ways and proceedings, and console them about all the suffering that I brought upon Jerusalem,—all that I brought on her. They will also console you when they see your ways and proceedings,—and you will learn that I have not done to her what I did causelessly," the MIGHTY LORD said.

### Israel Compared to a Dead Vine Branch.

15 The message of the EVER-LIVING came again to me asking, "Son of Adam! what is done with the Vine among the trees? The branch that was with the trees of the forest? Is wood taken from it to make anything for use? They take none of it, except to hang something upon! Both ends of it are put in the fire to be consumed,—the fire will devour the middle of it. Is it useful for working? Indeed when it was perfect, it could not be made of use,—how then when the fire has consumed, and burnt, can it be made into anything?"

6 "Therefore," thus said the MIGHTY LORD, "like the vine among the trees of the forest, which they put upon the fire to be consumed, so I will put the population of Jerusalem, and set My face against them. They have grown for the fire,—and the fire shall consume them,—then you will learn that I am the EVER-LIVING, when I turn My face against them, and make the country a waste, because of their perversity," the MIGHTY LORD said.

### A Message to Jerusalem on her Sins.

16 The message of the EVER-LIVING came again to me to say; "Son of Adam, inform Jerusalem of her depravities, and proclaim, Thus says the MIGHTY LORD to Jerusalem; By origin and race you are of the land of Canan!—your father an Amorite, and your mother a Hitite! And at your nativity,—on the day of your birth, your navel was not cut, nor were you washed clean with water, nor salted with salt, nor swathed with bandages. No eye pitied you, to do any of these to you, from

affection for you, but you were flung on the surface of the earth, an out-cast life on the day of your birth!

"I, however, passed near you, and saw you wallowing in your blood, and said to you in your bleeding, 'Live!' and repeated to you when bleeding, 'Live!' Then I made you grow like the plants of the field, and you flourished and grew up, and became very beautiful! Your breasts developed, and your hair grew and you were a beauty of beauties;—yet you were naked and bare. But I passed by you, and looked at you, and saw yours was the time for lovers, so I threw My cloak over you, and covered your nakedness, and made you a promise, and produced a contract to you," says the MIGHTY LORD, "and you became Mine. Then I washed you in water, and swept your blood from you, and refreshed you with oil, and clothed you in embroidery and shod you with sealskin, and girdled you with mustin, robed you in silk, and adorned you with jewellery, and put bracelets on your wrists, and a collar on your neck. I also put a locket on your brow, and earrings on your ears, and a beautiful turban on your head, and ornaments of gold and silver, and your clothing was fine muslin, and silk, and embroidery. And I fed you with fine flour, and honey, and oil, and you were very beautiful, and you grew to be a Queen! Then your fame for beauty went out to the nations,—for it was perfect, from My majesty that I had put upon you," said the MIGHTY LORD. "You, however, relied upon your beauty, and whored upon your fame, and poured out your fornication to every traveller who might come! And you took your robes and made yourself luxurious couches, and fornicated upon them,—without payment or fee! You also took your beautiful jewels,—My gold, and My silver,—which I had given to you, and made yourself forms like males, and fornicated with them! And took your bordered robes and covered them, and put My oil, and My incense before them! And My bread of fine flour, oil, and honey, which I had given you to eat, you placed before them for a dainty, and it was a dainty," says the MIGHTY LORD. "And you took your sons and your

daughters, whom you had borne to Me, and have sacrificed them to be devoured!<sup>1</sup>

“Were your whoredoms nothing?  
 21 but that you must murder My  
 children, and give them to be passed  
 22 round as food? And in all your  
 depravities, and all your whoredoms,  
 have you not remembered the days  
 of your youth, when you were naked  
 and bare? and were wallowing in  
 23 your blood? But now after all your  
 wickedness, Woe, woe to you!” says  
 24 the MIGHTY LORD, “you have built  
 yourself a mound, and made yourself  
 25 an erection in every square! and at  
 the top of every street you have con-  
 structed couches, and prostituted  
 your beauty, and spread your legs  
 for every passenger, and increased  
 your whoredoms!  
 26 “You have also fornicated with the  
 big-bodied sons of the Mitzeraim,  
 your neighbours,—and multiplied  
 27 your whoredoms to provoke Me. So  
 now I have extended My hand  
 against you, and will diminish your  
 allowance, and give you to the will  
 of your haters, the daughters of the  
 Philistines.—Will they shame you  
 from your vile ways?  
 28 “You also whored with Ashur,—but  
 were not satiated! Then whored with  
 them again,—and were not satiated!  
 29 Then you extended your fornications  
 to the land of merchants, the Kasdim.  
 But even by that you were not  
 30 satiated! Why! your heart should  
 have been sick,” says the MIGHTY  
 LORD, “at your doing all these  
 things,—the acts of an impudent,  
 31 whorish woman! At your building  
 mounds at the top of every road,  
 and making your erections in every  
 square;—and were not like a harlot,  
 32 —for you scorned pay. You were an  
 adulterous wife, taking strangers  
 33 instead of her husband! They give  
 pay to every prostitute, but you gave  
 pay to your lovers! and bribed them to  
 come to you from round about to  
 34 whore you. And you are different  
 to other women with your whore-  
 mongers,—they do not follow you to

fornicate,—but you give them pay,  
 and they give not pay to you—so  
 you are different!”

Therefore, harlot, hear the message 35  
 of the EVER-LIVING. Thus says the 36  
 MIGHTY LORD: “Because your filth  
 was poured out, and your nakedness  
 uncovered, for your fornications with  
 your lovers, and for all your depraved  
 idols, and because of the blood of  
 your children who were given to  
 them,—I will in consequence collect 37  
 all your paramours with whom you  
 luxuriated, and all whom you have  
 loved, with all whom you hated,—I  
 will collect them against you from  
 around, and strip your shame before  
 them, and they shall see your shame!  
 Then I will punish you with the 38  
 punishment that adulteresses and  
 murderesses are punished with, and  
 shed your blood with indignation and  
 contempt. Yes! I will put you in 39  
 their power, and they will overturn  
 your mounds, and throw down your  
 erections, and strip off your clothes,  
 and seize your beautiful jewels, and  
 make you sit naked and bare. Then 40  
 I will bring a mob about you, and  
 they will kill you by stoning, and  
 hack you with their swords, and burn  
 your houses with fire, and execute 41  
 justice upon you in the sight of a  
 crowd of women,—when you will  
 cease from your whoredom,—and  
 never again give your payments.  
 That is how I will gratify My indig- 42  
 nation upon you! Then My rage will  
 turn from you, and I can rest, and  
 be no more provoked. Because you 43  
 did not remember the days of your  
 youth, but irritated Me by all those  
 things,—consequently I will put your  
 habit on your head,” says the MIGHTY  
 LORD, “for have you not practised  
 this vice beyond all your depravities?  
 “Look! Everyone can repeat this 44  
 proverb against you, ‘Like mother,  
 like daughter!’ You are your 45  
 mother’s daughter! she loathed her  
 husband and children;—and the  
 sister of your sisters;—they loathed  
 their husbands, and their children;  
 —their mother was a Hitite, and  
 their father an Amorite. Your elder 46  
 sister is Shomeron, and her daughters  
 who sit at your left, and your younger  
 sister is Sodom and her daughters  
 who sit at your right. And have you 47  
 not walked on their road? and as  
 they did, and as they depraved them-  
 selves, have not you done? That

<sup>1</sup> NOTE.—Ch. 16, v. 20. This striking phrase clearly indicates that cannibalism, even on their own children by their parents, was one of the horrors of the Pagan worship of the apostate Hebrews. We need not therefore wonder at the unmeasured Divine denunciation against their toleration of paganism.—F. F.

was little! for you corrupted yourself more than they in every way!

- 48 "By My life!" says the MIGHTY LORD, "Sodom, your sister, she and her daughters did not do what you and your daughters have done!
- 49 Look! This was the fault of Sodom, your sister—pride, gluttony, and careless ease, were hers, and her daughters'; and that she did not support the house of the poor and
- 50 wretched. They were also haughty, and practised depravity before Me, so I swept them away as you have seen.
- 51 "And Shomeron did not sin half your sins, for you increased your depravities more than her;—and you have made an excuse for your sister by all the depravities you have
- 52 practised! So hear your own disgrace, since you blamed your sisters about your own sins, in which you have depraved yourself.—They were more excusable than you.—However, be ashamed of yourself, and bear your infamy, by the excuse you have made for your sisters!
- 53 "So I will turn away the slavery of the slaves of Sodom, and her daughters;—and the slavery of Shomeron, and her daughters, and the slavery of
- 54 your slaves amongst them; so that you may bear infamy, and be ashamed of all that you have done to excuse
- 55 them! Your sister, Sodom, however, and her daughters were captured first; then Shomeron and her daughters were captured in anticipation; and now your daughters are
- 56 captured previous to yourself! But yet your sister Sodom was not heard of from your mouth in the day of
- 57 your pride, before your vices were discovered, at the time of the insult to the daughters of Aram, and her neighbours,—the daughters of the Philistim, who were flogged around
- 58 you, for the wickedness and depravities you yourself possessed!" the EVER-LIVING says.
- 59 "Therefore," the MIGHTY LORD says it, "I have done to you, as you have done.—as you treated your oath with contempt, and broke the contract.
- 60 "However, I will call to mind My contract with you in the days of your youth,—and make a lasting
- 61 contract with you, when you reflect on your ways and your infamy during your marriage, along with your elder sister, and your younger,

—and I will give them to you for attendants, but not for your control. Thus I will settle a contract with you, when you learn that I am Master! so that you may reflect and be ashamed, and never again make for yourself an open path for your infamy,—after I have forgiven you for all you have done," says the MIGHTY LORD.

### Ezekiel Ordered to make a Puzzle out of a Vine-plant.

Again the message of the EVER-LIVING came to me saying:—

"Son of Adam! Make a puzzle and an enigma about the House of Israel, and say, 'Thus says the MIGHTY LORD, There was a great eagle with big strong spreading wings, full of variegated feathers, who came to Lebanon, and seized his cedar boughs,—the topmost shoots, —broke them off, and carried them to the Land of Trade,—planting them in the Town of Merchants. He also took some of the seed from that country, and sowed it on a seed-field, near plenty of water,—he planted it like a willow, and it grew, and became like a luxuriant vine, low in height, with branches twisting on themselves, and its roots were under it. Thus it became a vine, and produced and sent out shoots.

"But there was another Great Eagle with big wings, and many feathers, and you see this vine turned its roots towards him, and sent out branches for him to water it,—on the open field by plenty of water where it was set to produce grapes,—to bear fruit, and be a glorious vine.

"Ask this," said the MIGHTY LORD, "will it prosper? Will he not cut off its roots, shoots, and fruit? and make all its flourishing leaves wither, even without a strong arm, or many people to pull it up from the roots? So look! having been planted will it prosper?—will it not at the approach of the East Wind wither on the bed where it grows?"

Again the message of the EVER-LIVING came to me to say:—

"Ask the rebellious family, Do you not know what this thing means? You saw the king of Babel came to Jerusalem, and he took its king and princes, and brought them with him to Babel. Then he took some of the

Royal Family, and made a treaty with it, and brought it to the oath, and took the nobles from the country, so that the kingdom might be depressed, and unable to rise,—and be kept standing by the treaty. It, however, revolted from it by sending ambassadors to Mitzer to give it cavalry and a great army. Having done this, will it prosper and escape? And having broken the treaty, can it escape? By My life," says the MIGHTY LORD, "in the house of the king who made him king, in which he is a captive, and where he has broken the treaty,—in the country of Babel, he shall die! Nor shall Pharaoh succeed with him in the war by his great force, or numerous army, by heaping up embankments, or building ramparts, and destroying many lives, although he despised the oath, and broke the treaty! Be sure although he has given his hand, and done all this,—he shall not escape."

### The Parable of the Lord's Cedar on the High Hill.

The MIGHTY LORD therefore says this, "I will bring My oaths that he has despised, and My treaty that he has broken, on his own head, and spread My net over him. Yes! I will lay My snare, and bring him to Babel, and condemn him there for all that he has wronged Me. And all his flying troops shall fall by the sword;—and the remnants bescattered to the winds—then you will learn that I am the EVER-LIVING Who has said it!" Thus says the MIGHTY LORD; "I also will take a branch of a tall cedar, and plant it,—from the top of its twigs I will pluck a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and noble hill,—I will plant it on the highest hill of Israel where it will shoot up boughs and produce fruit, and become a glorious cedar, and birds of every kind will fix their homes in the shadow of its branches. Then all the trees of the field will learn that I, the EVER-LIVING, have depressed the lofty tree,—and exalted the lowly tree,—have exhausted the vigorous tree, and made the dry tree flourish,—that I, the EVER-LIVING, have promised, and done it."

### The Proverb of Sour Grapes.

The command of the EVER-LIVING 18 again came to me to ask:—

"What do you mean quoting this 2 proverb in the land of Israel, which says, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?' By My life," says the 3 MIGHTY LORD, "you need never again quote that proverb in Israel!

"Look! all persons are Mine! both 4 the person of the father and the person of the son, are mine:—therefore the sinning person shall die! So the man who may be good, and 5 practise justice and goodness,—who 6 does not sacrifice on the hills, and does not lift up his eyes to the idols of the House of Israel, and does not corrupt the wife of his neighbour, and has not approached a woman under a vow,—who has not oppressed 7 anyone by extortion,—has returned the debtor his pledge,—has not robbed,—has given the hungry his bread,—and clothed the naked,—who has not 8 lent on usury, and has not exacted exorbitant interest,—who has turned his hand from evil,—and has practised justly and truly between man and man,—who has followed My insti- 9 tutions and kept My decrees,—and done truly and rightly,—he shall possess life," says the MIGHTY LORD.

"But should he beget a son, who 10 is a bloodshedder, or does exactly contrary to the above, or does not 11 practise any of them,—but who sacrifices on the hills,—and corrupts the wife of his neighbour,—who oppresses 12 the poor and wretched,—steals as a thief,—does not restore the pledge to his debtor,—and lifts up his eyes to idols to practise depravity,—who lends 13 on usury, and exacts exorbitant interest,—he, then, shall not live;—having practised the whole of these villainies, he shall die,—his blood shall be upon him.

"But should he beget a son, who 14 sees all the sins that his father has practised, and reflects and does not do like them,—who does not sacrifice 15 on the hills,—does not raise up his eyes to the idols of the House of Israel,—does not corrupt his neighbour's wife,—who oppresses no one,— 16 has not withheld a pledge,—has not stolen like thieves,—has given his bread to the hungry,—and covered the naked with clothes, and turned his 17

- hand to the poor,—who has not taken usury or exorbitant interest,—who has practised justice,—who has followed My Institutions,—he shall not die for the fault of his father,—he shall live.
- 18 “His father,—because he defrauded and robbed,—as above, and produced no benefit amongst his people,—be sure will die for his own faults.
- 19 “But, you may ask, why should not the son bear the faults of his father?  
 “When the son does justly and rightly, and regards all My Institutions, and practises them,—he shall live. The sinning person himself shall die;—the son shall not bear the faults of the father,—and the father shall not bear the faults of the son. The goodness of the good shall be on him, and the wickedness of the wicked be upon himself. But when the wicked turns from his sin that he has done, and regards all My Institutions, and practises justice and right,—he shall live,—not die. All the wickedness he has done will not be remembered against him, because of the goodness that he then practises.
- 23 “Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked?” the MIGHTY LORD asks,—“I would rather he should turn from his wicked course and live.
- 24 “But if a good man abandons his goodness, and does wrong in the manner that all the wicked are used to deprave themselves, all the righteousness which he was accustomed to, will not be remembered, because of his vices that he commits, and the sins he sins,—he will die by them.
- “But, you may say, ‘The course of the ALMIGHTY is not straight.’  
 “Listen, however, House of Israel! If My course is not straight, are not your courses crooked?  
 “When the good man turns from his right-doing, and practises wickedness, and dies in it,—he dies wicked. And when the wicked turns from his wickedness that he was used to, and does justly and rightly, that person lives by it;—for he reflected and abandoned all his wickedness that he was accustomed to in his life. He will not die!  
 “Yet the House of Israel say, ‘The course of the ALMIGHTY is not straight!’  
 “House of Israel! are not your courses crooked?  
 “Consequently I will judge you, everyone according to his ways, House of Israel,” the MIGHTY LORD declares. “Change and turn yourselves from all your sins, and do not let your passions be an impediment to you! Fling all your wickedness in which you sinned from you, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit,—for why should you die? House of Israel? For I do not delight in the death of the dying,” says the MIGHTY LORD, “therefore turn, and live!”  
 And you!—raise a lament over the princes of Israel, and say:—

### The Lamentation.

- What was your mother? A lioness couched among lions  
 Among the young lions she nourished her whelps!  
 3 And one of her cubs became The Young Lion,—  
 And learnt to tear plunder,—devouring men!  
 4 But the nations heard of him and caught in their pit,  
 And they brought in a cage to the land of Mitz'raim.
- 5 When she saw as she watched that her darling was gone,  
 She selected a whelp, and made him the young lion;  
 6 And he marched in the midst of the lions a king!  
 And learnt to tear plunder,—devouring men!  
 7 Guessed the weak ones and ruined,—and ravaged the cities,  
 And all the land rang with the sound of his roars!
- 8 Then the nations came on him around from their forts,  
 And flung on him their net, and secured in their pit,  
 9 And put in a cage, and brought to Babel's king,  
 Who confined in a den,—that he should not resound  
 His voice for the future on Israel's hills!



Your mother, like you, was a vigorous vine plant,  
Her fruit, and her branches were thick from the streams, 10  
And strong stocks came from her, as sceptres for princes,  
Her height touched the clouds, and showed thick leaves above. 11

But they plucked from the ground and flung out in a fury,  
And her fruit is dried up by a wind from the East ! 12

Her strong shoots are withered, and fire consumed them ;  
She now sits in a desert, a dry thirsty ground, 13

And fire from her stock eats the single bunch left her,  
Nor comes a strong shoot for a sceptre for rule. 14

Oh ! weep for her then, and let this be her Dirge !

**Some Elders enquire of the Lord,  
Who rejects them.**

20 It happened in the seventh year,  
on the fifth of the tenth month, some  
of the old men of Israel came to en-  
quire of the EVER-LIVING, and sat  
2 before me. Then the message of the  
EVER-LIVING came to me to say :—  
3 " Son of Adam ! Speak to these old  
men of Israel and say to them, ' Thus  
asks the MIGHTY LORD : Have you  
4 come to enquire of Me ? ' By My life  
I will not be enquired of by you," the  
MIGHTY LORD says. " Judge them,  
judge them, Son of Adam. Teach  
them the depravities of their fathers,  
5 and tell them,—Thus says the  
MIGHTY LORD. At the time I chose  
Israel, and lifted up My hand to the  
race of the House of Jacob, and dis-  
closed Myself to them in the country  
of the Mitzeraim, and lifted up My  
hand to them, and said, I am your  
6 EVER-LIVING GOD ; at that time when  
I raised My hand to them to bring  
them from the land of the Mitzeraim  
to the country I intended for them,  
flowing with milk and honey,—it is  
the most splendid of all countries ;—  
7 I said to each of them, ' Fling away  
the pollutions from your eyes, and do  
not corrupt yourselves with the idols  
of the Mitzeraim. I am your EVER-  
8 LIVING GOD ! ' But they rebelled  
against Me, and were not desirous to  
listen to Me. Every one of them did  
not fling away the pollutions of his  
eyes, nor did they abandon the idols  
of the Mitzeraim ;—therefore I threat-  
ened to pour out My indignation  
upon them, to assuage My anger at  
them in the land of the Mitzeraim.  
9 However, I acted, because of My  
name, so as not to degrade it in the  
sight of the heathen amongst whom  
they were ;—in whose sight I dis-  
covered Myself to them,—and brought  
10 them out from the land of Mitzer.

Thus I brought them out of the  
country of the Mitzeraim, and con-  
ducted them to the desert, and gave 11  
them the Institutions and Decrees  
that I taught ; which the man who  
practises will live by them. I also 12  
gave them My Sabbaths, to be a  
memorial between them and Me,  
that I am the EVER-LIVING, their  
Sanctuary. But the House of Israel 13  
rebelled against Me in the Desert.  
They did not follow My Institutions,  
and rejected the Decrees that I had  
made for them ; and violated My  
Sabbaths greatly,—therefore I threat-  
ened to pour out My wrath upon  
them, to destroy them in the Desert.

" However I worked for My NAME, 14  
so that it might not be degraded in  
the sight of the heathen, in whose sight  
I had brought them out. Yet I lifted 15  
up My hand to them in the Desert,  
declaring I would not bring them to  
the country I had given them,—  
flowing with milk and honey,—the  
most splendid of all lands,—because 16  
they rejected My Decrees, and did  
not walk in My Institutions,—and  
profaned My Sabbaths—for they went  
after the idols of their hearts ! How- 17  
ever, My eye refrained from destroy-  
ing, and I did not make an end of  
them in the Desert. But I said to 18  
their children in the Desert, ' Do not  
walk after the ideas of your fathers,  
nor follow their decisions, nor corrupt  
yourselves with their Idols ; I am 19  
your EVER-LIVING GOD ! Walk ac-  
cording to My Institutions, and pre-  
serve My Decrees, and practise them ;  
and sanctify My Sabbaths, and let 20  
them be a memorial between Me and  
you, to teach you that I am your  
EVER-LIVING GOD.'

" But the children also rebelled 21  
against Me ! They did not walk by  
My Institutions, and did not preserve  
My Decrees, and practise them,—  
which if a man practises he will live

by them. They profaned My Sabbaths,—therefore I threatened to pour My indignation upon them in the  
 22 Desert. However I withdrew My hand, and acted for My NAME,—so that it might not be degraded in the sight of the heathen, in whose presence I had brought them out. Yet  
 23 I raised My hand to them in the Desert to scatter them among the Nations, and to disperse them in the countries, because they had not  
 24 practised My Decrees, and had rejected My Institutions, and profaned My Sabbaths, and their eyes followed the Idols of their fathers. And I  
 25 consequently appointed them Imperfect Institutions, and Decrees that could not give life to them! Thus I  
 26 made them polluted in the gifts to themselves—in coming upon every opener of the womb,—so that I might fix them, and that they might learn that I am the EVER-LIVING.  
 27 “Therefore, son of man, speak to the House of Israel, and tell them, Thus says the MIGHTY LORD,—Your fathers always outraged Me thus,  
 28 with resolute perversity. However I brought them to the country I had raised My hand to give them, and they admired all its lofty hills, and all its shady woods, and sacrificed their sacrifices there, and presented their offensive gifts, and placed there  
 29 sweet perfume, and drank their drinks! But I asked them, ‘What are these Columns that you go to, and whose name is called at the Column to this day?’  
 30 “Consequently say this to the House of Israel, ‘Thus the MIGHTY LORD asks, Will you corrupt yourselves in the same way as your ancestors, and fornicate as filthily as  
 31 them? and offer your foul gifts to this day, in passing your children through the fire to all your idols? Why should I answer you, House of Israel?’ By My life,” says the  
 32 MIGHTY LORD, “I will not be consulted by you! Yet what arises in your mind shall not be effected,—when you say, ‘We will become like the heathen,—like the families of the countries, and worship wood and  
 33 stone!’ By My life,” says the MIGHTY LORD, “if I will not reign over you with a strong hand, and directing arm,  
 34 and with pouring indignation; and bring you out from the Peoples, and collect you from the countries where

I have scattered you with a strong hand, and directing arm, and pouring indignation, and bring you to the  
 35 desert of the Peoples, and judge you there face to face, as I judged your  
 36 ancestors in the desert of the land of the Mitzeraim, so I will judge you,” says the MIGHTY LORD, “and pass  
 37 you under the rod, and bring you to the bonds of the Treaty. But I will  
 38 expel from you the rebels and revolvers against Me. I will bring them from the country where they were lodged, but they shall not enter the land of Israel;—then you will learn that I am the EVER-LIVING.—But you, of the  
 39 House of Israel,—go everyone and serve his idols, and afterwards, if you will not obey Me, yet do not again outrage My HOLY NAME with your gifts and your idolatries,—for in  
 40 my Holy Hill, and the High Mountain of Israel,” says the MIGHTY LORD, “all the House of Israel will serve Me perfectly in the lands of their country, —and I will there demand your wavings, and first fruits, and gifts, with all  
 41 your consecrations. I will delight in your perfumes, when I bring you out from the Peoples, and collect from the countries where I had scattered you, and I will make My NAME respected through you in the sight of  
 42 the heathen. Then you will learn that I am the EVER-LIVING, when I have brought you to the soil of Israel, —the land that I raised My hand to give to your ancestors, and you will  
 43 then reflect upon your courses and all your ways by which you corrupted yourselves, and be loathsome in your own eyes, because of all the vices you  
 44 have practised. You will also recognise that I, the EVER-LIVING, work for you because of My NAME,—not because of your vicious ways and rotten courses, House of Israel,” says the EVER-LIVING.

### The Doom of Theman.

The command of the Lord came to  
 21 me again to say:

“Son of Adam! Set your face to-  
 2 wards Theman, and set it to the south wind, and preach against the forest of the south country, and say to the  
 3 forest of the south, ‘Listen to the message of the EVER-LIVING! Thus says the MIGHTY LORD! I will light a fire in you, and devour all your green trees, and every withered tree. It will burn unquenchably, and every-

4 thing will be scorched before it, from south to north. Then every person will learn that I, the EVERLIVING, have kindled it unquenchably!"

5 But I replied, "Ah, EVER-LIVING, do they not say he talks in enigmas?"

### Denouncing the Sins of Israel.

6 Again the command of the EVER-LIVING came to me to say:

7 "Son of Adam! Set your face towards Jerusalem, and let it trip to the Sanctuaries, and preach against the

8 soil of Israel, and say to the soil of Israel, Thus says the Lord: 'I am

against you! and will draw My sword from its sheath, and cut off from you the

9 righteous and the wicked! Then when I have cut off from you the righteous

10 and the wicked, My sword shall proceed against every person from the

south to the north! when every person will learn that I, the EVER-LIVING, having drawn My sword from its

11 sheath, will never return it.'

"Consequently you, Son of Adam, sigh!—sigh with shaking waist, and

12 bitterness;—sigh in their sight. And then if they say to you, 'For what do

you sigh?' you must reply, 'At the report that has come.' So let every heart

sink, and all hands weaken, and every spirit faint, and all knees tremble

13 like water! for the event will come to pass," says the MIGHTY LORD.

### The Sword of the Son of God.

13 The command of the EVER-LIVING again came to me to say:—"Son of

14 Adam, proclaim and say, 'Thus says the EVER-LIVING! Exclaim, a sword!

15 A sword! Sharp and bright. It is sharpened for slaughter! That it may

be destructive lightning! or the gleaming'sceptre of My Son that melts

16 every tree! It is endowed with brilliancy to be held in His hand; it is

a sharp sword,—it is bright,—it is given to the hand of slaughter!

17 "Shriek and howl, Son of Adam, for it will come to My People! It will

reach all the princes of Israel! My People will be terrified by that sword!

18 Therefore slap your thigh, because of the trial. And what if even the

Gleaming Sceptre cannot endure it?" the MIGHTY LORD asks.

19 "But you, Son of Adam, preach, strike hand on hand, and triplicate

the sword twice! The murderous sword!—the mighty, murderous sword,

that penetrates to them! For terror 20 of heart, and the furious attacks on all their gates, I will fix the threatening sword point. I will make it like lightning flashing to slaughter! Rush 21 to the right hand! Turn to the left! Come! Fix your face! Yet I also 22 will clap My hands, and satisfy My indignation,—I, the EVER-LIVING, have said it!"

### Ezekiel Ordered to make a Map of the Line of March of the King of Babel.

The command of the EVER-LIVING 23 came again to me to say:—

"And now, Son of Adam! appoint 24 for yourself two ways; sketch for yourself two ways for the entrance

of the sword of the King of Babel. Let them both start from the same

district, and when depicting it, depict a city at the end of the roads. You 25

must depict the route of the sword to Rabath of the Beni-Amon, and to

26 Judah, to besiege Jerusalem. Then depict the King of Babel at the Head

of the two ways deciding which is the road to take,—by the shaking of

arrows; asking of the Terephim; looking at the liver! Let the decision 27

come on his right hand, for Jerusalem! to erect batteries, to break

her side,—to slaughter on the hills, —to shout with roarings;—to fix

batteries against her gates,—to heap up an embankment, to construct

ramparts. Yet it will be a silly tale 28 in the sight of those who swore the

oaths. Yet he remembers their fault and will seize it.

"Therefore," thus says the 29 MIGHTY LORD, "because you have called your fault to remembrance, by

publishing your sins, and displaying your offences, in all your proceedings,

—because you have reminded about yourselves, you will be caught.

"But for you, wicked, wounded 30 Prince of Israel, whose day has come, with the time of this last

31 fault,"—the MIGHTY LORD declares it, "I will remove your turban, and

take off your crown. He shall not be himself! I will throw down the

high, and lift up the low! Alas! 32 Alas! Alas! I will overthrow this

city! It shall never be revived until its rightful OWNER comes,—when I

will give it to Him!'

### The Doom of the Beni-Amon.

- 33 "For yourself, son of Adam, proclaim and say, 'Thus says the MIGHTY LORD to the Beni-Amon, about their disgrace, and exclaim,— A sword! A naked sword to slaughter; sharpened to devour by lightning! in spite of your false visions, your lying divinations, hung on your necks,—when your day comes, at the end of your period of sin,—you poor deadly wounded wretch! Put it in its sheath! I will punish you in the place where you were created,—in your native land, —I will punish you. I will pour out My anger upon you, I will breathe upon you,—in the fire of My wrath,— I will give you into the power of ruffians, skilful in destruction. You shall be devoured by fire,—your blood be on your land, — you shall not be remembered, for I, the EVER-LIVING, declare it!'"

### The Crimes of Jerusalem.

- 22 The command of the EVER-LIVING came again to me to ask:—
- 2 "Will you now, son of Adam, judge the bloody city, and teach her all her depravities? And will you say, —Thus says the MIGHTY LORD, 'City! You shed blood in your breast, to hasten on your destiny! And you make yourselves idols, to defile yourself! You shall perish in the blood that you have shed;—and be defiled by the idols you have made! For you have contracted your days, and brought years upon yourself,—therefore I will make you a scorn to the heathen, and a derision in all countries! You shall be named "Many Revolutioned!" both the near and the distant shall deride you! Look at your nobles, Israel! Each sheds blood as far as his power goes! In you they despise both father and mother. They oppress the stranger in you. In you they wrong the fatherless and the widow! You have degraded My Sanctuary,— and profaned My Sabbaths! In you men accuse falsely to shed blood, and in you they eat sacrifices to the hills! In you they plan treachery! In you a father's shame is disclosed. In you they corrupt women bound by a vow; and each commits depravity with his neighbour's wife; and everyone devises to defile his

daughter-in-law; and every one has debauched his sister, his father's daughter in you. In you bribes are taken to shed blood. You take usury and exorbitant interest; and plunder your neighbour by extortion; and have forgotten Me,'" says the MIGHTY LORD.

"Therefore see! I have struck My hands against the plundering you have done; and at the bloodshed which exists amongst you!— How can your heart stand, or your hands be strong, at the time when I shall deal with you? I, the EVER-LIVING, have said, and will do it, that I would scatter you amongst the heathen, and disperse you in the countries, and eradicate your corruptions from you, and make you vile to yourself in the sight of the heathen;—then you will learn that I am the EVER-LIVING."

The message of the EVER-LIVING again came to me to ask:—

"Son of Adam! Are the House of Israel dross to Me? They are all copper, and tin, and iron, and lead in a furnace,—they are the refuse of silver! Therefore," thus the MIGHTY LORD said, "because you are all dross, I will pile you into the well of Jerusalem, as silver, and copper, and iron, and lead and tin are piled into the well of a furnace, to blow the fire over to melt them. Thus I will pile you in My indignation and fury, and melt you! I will melt you thus,—and blow on you with My fiery anger, and dissolve you in the well. Like silver is melted in the well of the furnace,—so you shall be melted in that well,—and learn that I, the EVER-LIVING, pour out My wrath upon you."

### Israel's Crimes.

Again the command of the EVER-LIVING came to me to say:—

"Son of Adam, say to her:—'It is a land not purified, nor rained upon, in the lowering day. Her Preachers conspire in her, like a roaring lion desiring to tear his prey. They devour wealth, they seize riches:—they have increased the destitute among you. Her priests have violated My laws, and outraged My Sanctuary. They do not distinguish between the consecrated and the common; and do not separate between the pure and the unclean; and have veiled their

eyes from My Sabbaths; and I am  
 27 despised among them. Her nobles  
 are like wolves in her breast tearing  
 prey, and pouring out blood, and  
 28 destroying lives for the sake of plun-  
 der; and her preachers impel them  
 by silly false visions, and lying divina-  
 tions,—exclaiming, 'Thus says the  
 MIGHTY LORD,' when the Lord has  
 29 not spoken! They have oppressed  
 and robbed the people of the country,  
 and grieved the poor and distressed,  
 and wronged the stranger,—refusing  
 30 justice. And I have sought for a  
 man among them to mend the fence,  
 and stand in the gap before Me for  
 the sake of the country, that I might  
 31 not destroy it;—but I found none! So  
 I will pour out My anger upon them,  
 —in the fire of My wrath I will de-  
 stroy them. On their own heads I  
 have laid their conduct," said the  
 MIGHTY LORD.

### The Wickedness of Israel and Judah. Ahlah and Ahlibah.

23 Again the message of the EVER-  
 LIVING came to me to say:—  
 2 "Son of Adam! There were two  
 women, daughters of the same  
 3 mother, and they prostituted them-  
 selves in Mitzer in their girlhood.  
 Their breasts were pressed there,  
 4 and their virgin bosoms used; and  
 their names were Ahlah and Ahlibah.<sup>1</sup>  
 They became my property, however,  
 and bore sons and daughters;—and  
 the name of the daughter of Ahlah  
 was Shomeron, and of Ahlibah's  
 5 Jerusalem. But Ahlah prostituted  
 after she became Mine, and doted on  
 her paramours,—on Ashur her neigh-  
 6 bours—who dress in blue;—governors  
 and rulers,—all of them handsome  
 young fellows,—horsemen, riding on  
 7 horses; and gave her fornication to  
 them. They were all the finest men  
 of Ashur,—and she doted upon them,  
 and corrupted herself with all their  
 8 idols. She did not however abandon  
 her prostitutions with the Mitzeraim,  
 who lay with her in her youth, and who  
 used her virgin breasts, and poured  
 9 their whoredom upon her! So I gave  
 her up into the power of her para-  
 mours of Ashur, whom she doted on.  
 10 They stripped her naked. They took  
 her sons and daughters, and murdered

them with the sword,—and she be-  
 came a reproach to their women, who  
 executed justice upon her;—and her  
 11 sister Ahlibah saw it.

"She, however, doted worse than  
 her, and prostituted herself worse  
 than her sister. She also doted on  
 12 the lads of Ashur, her neighbouring  
 governors and rulers, who were gor-  
 geously dressed,—horsemen, riding  
 on horses,—all of them handsome  
 young fellows! But I saw that she  
 13 had corrupted herself;—that both  
 had gone the same way. She, how-  
 14 ever, increased her profigacy, and  
 saw men painted on tablets,—por-  
 traits of the Kasdim painted in red,—  
 their waists belted with girdles, with  
 15 tasselled turbans on their heads, all  
 of them gentlemen to look at,—the  
 lads of Babel,—Kasdim by their native  
 land,—and she doted on them, at the  
 16 sight of her eyes,—and sent messen-  
 gers to them to the Kasdim. So the  
 17 lads of Babel came to her bed of love,  
 and corrupted her by their whore-  
 doms, and when she was defiled by  
 them, her desire revolted from them.  
 Then she confessed her prostitutions,  
 18 and disclosed her shame;—but My  
 soul revolted from her,—as My soul  
 had revolted from her sister.

"She, however, increased her pros-  
 19 titutions, remembering the period of  
 her youth when she whored in the  
 land of the Mitzeraim;—and doted on  
 20 the Philishtim, whose bodies are like  
 the bodies of asses, and their lust  
 like the lust of horses. Thus you  
 21 revived the idea of your youth,—to  
 work your love amongst the Mitze-  
 raim,—as though your breasts were  
 young!

"Therefore, Ahlibah," the MIGHTY  
 22 LORD says this, "I will inflame the  
 paramours, from whom your lust is  
 alienated, against you, and bring  
 them from around to assail you! The  
 lads of Babel and all the Kasdim  
 23 to punish, and curse, and brand you,  
 with all the lads of Ashur,—handsome  
 young fellows,—nobles and governors,  
 —all of them gentlemen with titles,—  
 riders of horses, who will come upon  
 24 you with shield, and chariot, at a rush,  
 —and with a crowd of nations armed  
 with weapon and shield, and helmet,  
 and set themselves around you, and  
 fix their faces for vengeance, and  
 punish you with their own punish-  
 25 ments. For I will show My jealousy  
 against you,—so they shall deal with

<sup>1</sup> NOTE.—Ch. 23, v. 3. Her Tent, and My  
 Tent, i.e., Samaria and Jerusalem:

you in snorting fury,—and cut off your nose,—and after that fell you with the sword! They will seize your sons and daughters,—and after that consume you in the fire.

26 “I will thus make your vices to cease, and your whoredom from the land of the Mitzeraim! and you will not lift up your eyes to them, nor remember the Mitzeraim again.”

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28 For thus says the MIGHTY LORD : —“I will give you to the power of those you hate;—whom your lust revolts from!—and they shall deal with you in their hate, and seize all your earnings, and abandon you stripped and naked, and expose the shame of your prostitution, and vices, and whoredoms! This shall be done to you, because of your whoring with the heathen with whom you corrupted yourself for their idols. You went the way of your sister,—so I will pass her cup to your hand!”

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30 Thus says the MIGHTY LORD ! “You shall drink out of your sister’s cup. You shall be mocked and insulted! ridiculed and laughed at beyond endurance! You shall be filled with drunkenness and anguish, from the cup of ruin and desolation! —the cup of your sister Shomeron!

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32 Yes! You shall drink and suck it,—and chew the dregs,—and tear your breasts, for I have said so,” the MIGHTY LORD declares.

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34 “Therefore,” thus the MIGHTY LORD declares, “because you have forgotten Me, and flung Me behind your back,—you shall bear your vices and fornications.”

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36 Then the LORD asked me, “Son of Adam! will you judge Ahlah and Ahlibah? and remind them of their depravities? For adultery and murder are in their hands,—and they have committed adultery to their idols,—and their children which they bore to Me, they have passed them round to be eaten! They have also done this to Me;—they have defiled My Sanctuary at the same time, and profaned My Sabbaths. For they have murdered their children to the idols, and on the same day come to My Sanctuary to defile it! Nay! They have even done it in My HOUSE!

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40 “And in spite of all that, you have sent for men to come from a distance, to whom you have sent a messenger, and they came. Then you bathed,

painted your eyes, and decked yourself with jewels for them, and sat on a splendid couch, with a table spread before it, and My oil and perfumes upon it! And the sound of luxury was with her,—and with the mob of men,—men from the west,—drunkards from the desert, on whose hands she put jewels, and beautiful turbans on their heads! Then I remarked, ‘Will they commit adultery with the old woman! Will they fornicate with the worn-out prostitute!’ And they went to her as they go to a woman who is a whore—that is how they went to Ahlah and Ahlibah,—the profligate wives!

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“Righteous men, however, will punish them with the punishments of adulteresses, and with the punishments of murderesses,—for adultery and murder are on their hands. For,” thus said the MIGHTY LORD, “I will bring upon them a crowd, and deliver them to be hustled about, and plundered. Then the mob will shower stones at them, and cut up with their swords;—kill their sons and daughters;—and consume their houses with fire. I will thus expel their vices from the country, and warn all women not to practise their sins. They will in this way lay your vices upon you, and you shall bear the sins of your idolatry, and learn that I am the EVER-LIVING.”

### The Parable of the Pot—Jerusalem.

The command of the EVER-LIVING again came to me in the ninth year, on the tenth of the tenth month, to say:—

“Son of Adam, write the name of this day,—for upon this day’s date the king of Babel arrived at Jerusalem. So compose a parable to the rebellious family, and say to them, ‘Thus says the MIGHTY LORD, Set on the pot! set it on! and pour water into it! Cut up for it every good cut,—the leg, and the shoulder,—fill it with the best bones! Take a fat sheep and also pile the bones with it. Boil it well, and stew the bones in it. For thus says the MIGHTY LORD, Woe to the Murderers’ city! Whose scum is in her! and whose scum cannot get out from her! Bring it out bit by bit, let no lump fall into her! for her blood is in her,—she poured it on the dry rock! she did not pour it on the earth to cover it with dust! She

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brought indignation upon her crime ;  
I exposed her blood upon the dry  
rock without concealment !

- 9 "Therefore," thus the MIGHTY  
LORD says, "Woe to the City of  
Murderers ! for I will pile on the  
10 fire ! Heap on wood ! Make the  
fire flame ! Stew the flesh, and  
season it ! But let the bones be  
11 burnt ! and let it stand empty on the  
hot coals, so that it may be hot and  
burn the brass, until the foul scum in  
12 it is completely destroyed ! She has  
boiled her scum well, but it has not  
come out of her ! Her scum in-  
creases ! The fire increases it, from  
13 your foul vices ! Although I cleansed  
you,—you would not be clean from  
your filth. You will never be clean  
until I have satiated my indignation  
upon you !
- 14 "What I, the EVER-LIVING, have  
threatened will come,—and I will  
accomplish it. I shall neither shrink,  
spare, nor pity. I shall punish you  
according to your ways and conduct,"  
says the MIGHTY LORD.

### The Prophet's Wife Dies.

- 15 The command of the EVER-LIVING  
came again to me to say :—
- 16 "Son of Adam ! I intend to take  
the desire of your eyes from you  
suddenly ;—and you must neither  
grieve nor weep ! nor allow your tears  
17 to flow. Groan in silence ! Make  
no moaning for the dead ! Arrange  
your turban on you and put your  
shoes on your feet ; and cover not  
your lips, and eat no bread for your  
wife."
- 18 So I conversed with people in the  
morning,—and my wife died in the  
evening !—but I did the next morn-  
ing as the EVER-LIVING commanded  
me.
- 19 Then the people asked me,—“ Will  
you inform us, what this, that you  
are doing, means for us ? ”
- 20 When I replied to them, “ The  
command of the EVER-LIVING came  
21 to me saying, ‘ Proclaim to the House  
of Israel ! Thus says the MIGHTY  
LORD ! I will defile my Sanctuary !  
the pride, strength and desire of your  
eyes, and the darling of your life !  
and your sons and daughters left to  
22 you will fall by the sword ! But they  
will make you do as I have done ;—  
you will not be allowed to cover your  
lips, nor to eat the bread of men !  
23 but be forced to dress your heads,

and shoe your feet,—nor may you  
mourn or weep,—but waste away in  
your sufferings, and moan each to  
his companion ! And Ezekiel has 24  
become a sign to you that all that he  
has done you will have to do ;—then  
you will learn that I am the MIGHTY  
LORD ! ’

“ So now, Son of Adam ! In the day 25  
I take from them their confidence,—  
their joy,—their delight,—the desire  
of their eyes,—and the object of their  
life,—their sons and daughters,—in 26  
that day will not the fugitives come  
to you to report it to your ears ? At 27  
that time open your mouth to the  
refugees,—for you can then speak to  
them and be no more dumb as while  
you are a sign to them ;—when they  
will learn that I am the EVER-  
LIVING.”

Again the command of the LORD 25  
came to me to say :—

### The Doom of the Beni-Amon.

“ Son of Adam ! set your face 2  
against the Beni-Amon, and pro-  
claim about them, and say to the 3  
Beni-Amon,

“ Listen to the message of the  
MIGHTY LORD ! Thus says the  
MIGHTY LORD : Because you shouted  
Hurrah ! against My Sanctuary when  
it was violated, and against the soil  
of Israel when it was desolated,—and  
against the House of Judah when it  
went to captivity ; I will in conse- 4  
quence give you to the sons of the  
East for a possession, and they shall  
settle on your downs and encamp on  
them, and eat your fruits, and drink  
your milk. I will also make Rabah 5  
a fold for camels, and the Beni-Amon  
a couch for sheep,—when you will  
learn that I am the EVER-LIVING.’

“ For,” thus the MIGHTY LORD 6  
says, “ because you clapped your  
hands and jigged on your feet, and  
rejoiced with all the spite of your  
soul against the soil of Israel, I have 7  
in consequence extended My hand  
against you, and have given you to  
be plundered by the nations, and  
cut off from the Peoples, and to perish  
from the countries ;—I will destroy  
you :—when you will learn that I am  
the EVER-LIVING.”

### The Doom of Moab and Sair.

Thus says the MIGHTY LORD :— 8  
“ Because, because Moab and Sair  
say :—‘ See ! the House of Judah is

9 like other nations! Be sure I will open the gates of Moab from the cities,—from his frontier cities,—the pride of the country,—Beth-Jeshimoth, Bal-peor, to Kiriathaim,—to the sons of the East who assail the Beni-Amon, to whom I have given them as a possession, so that the Beni-Amon may not be remembered amongst the nations; and I will execute justice upon Moab;—when they will learn that I am the EVER-LIVING."

### The Doom of Edom.

12 Thus says the MIGHTY LORD, "Because Edom has been revengeful against the House of Judah, and ravaged, and was spiteful to them,—therefore," the MIGHTY LORD says this, "I have extended My hand against Edom, and will cut off from Edom men and cattle, and make it a heap of ashes from Thiman, to Dardan,—they shall fall by the sword."

14 "I will also lay My punishment upon Edom by the hand of My People Israel, and they shall execute My anger and indignation upon Edom,—and they shall experience My punishments," says the MIGHTY LORD.

### The Doom of Philistia.

15 Thus says the MIGHTY LORD: "Because the Philistim have been revengeful, and have revenged with a malicious spirit, and ravaged with perpetual spite:—therefore," the MIGHTY LORD says this, "I will stretch out My hand against the Philistim, and cut off the swordsmen, and destroy the remnants on the shore of the sea, and inflict great punishments amongst them;—when they will learn that I am the EVER-LIVING Who lay punishments upon them."

### The Doom of Tyre.

26 It was in the eleventh year, on the first of the month, that the command of the EVER-LIVING came to me to say:—

2 "Son of Adam! Because Tzur said to Jerusalem, 'Hurrah! the gate of the nations is broken! Her ruin will turn wealth to me!' Therefore the MIGHTY LORD says thus,—I am opposed to you, Tzur, and will bring many nations against

you, like the rollers come up from the sea! And they will wreck the walls of Tzur, and raze her towers, and sweep the dust from her, and I will make her a dry rock. She shall become in the midst of the sea a place for spreading—a place for nets in the midst of the sea,—for I have said it," the MIGHTY LORD declared, "and she shall become plunder for the nations. And her daughters who are in the country shall be murdered by the sword,—when she will learn that I am the EVER-LIVING."

The MIGHTY LORD says this:— "I will bring Nebukhadnezzar, king of Babel from the north against Tzur;—the king of kings, with horse and chariot, and cavalry, and the mass of a great force. Your daughters in the country will be slain by the sword, and he will make a rampart against you, and heap up an embankment, and raise approaches against you, and erect batteries against your towers and overthrow your towers with his pickaxes!

"The dust from his troops of horses shall cover you;—your wall will shake with the roar from his horsemen and waggons, and chariots, when they enter your gates, as they enter the breach of a city! He will tramp with the hoofs of his horses in all your streets,—he will slaughter your people with the sword,—and fling your fortifications to the ground! And they will plunder your wealth, and loot your treasures,—overturn your walls, and pull down your charming palaces, and fling your stones, and timbers, and dust into the deep sea! And I will stop the sound of your songs, and the music of your harps shall be no longer heard! for I will make you a waterless rock,—you shall become a place to spread nets,—nor be rebuilt for ever!" for the MIGHTY LORD has spoken, the MIGHTY LORD declared it!

Thus says the MIGHTY LORD to Tzur, "Will not the islands tremble at the sound of your fall? at the groans of the slaughtered in your streets? and all the princes of the sea descend from their thrones, and strip off their broidered robes,—and clothe themselves with terror? sit on the ground, and lie down in silence and astonishment at you? Then they will raise a lamentation over you and say:—



**The Nations' Lament over Tzur.**

“Has the Mistress of all the Seas perished?—  
The glorious city made strong by the sea?  
Who with her people terrified all who were in it!—  
How the shores shake at the day of your fall!  
And the Isles of the Sea are dismayed at your fate!”

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19 For thus says the MIGHTY LORD!  
“I will make your city a heap of  
ashes; like the cities that are unin-  
habitable, by bringing up the billows  
against you, and covering you with  
20 great seas, and will bring you down to  
the lowest depth, to the men of old,  
and you shall dwell beneath the  
earth with everlasting desolation, in  
the deepest pit,—for you shall never  
be inhabited; because I will not let

you dwell, or give you plunder in the  
land of the living! I will make you 21  
a terror when you cease to exist,—  
and when sought you shall not be  
found, for ever and ever!” the  
MIGHTY LORD declares.

The command of the EVER LIVING 27  
came again to me to say:—

“You, yourself, also, Son of Adam, 2  
raise a lament over Tzur, and say to  
Tzur,

**Lamentation over Tzur.**

“You, who reside at the ports of the sea,—  
Who trade with the Peoples of numerous isles,  
Thus says the ALMIGHTY JEHOVAH to Tzur,  
You boast—‘I am perfect in beauty!’  
Your bounds are the heart of the ocean,  
Your builders have finished your charms!

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“They built you with cypress from Senir,  
For your decks they used Lebanon cedar,  
And they took it to form your high masts,—  
Bashan's oak trees supplied you with oars,  
Your benches were ivory and box from Kithim,  
Your gay flag was fine linen of Egypt,  
Your sails were rich purple from Alishah's Isles!<sup>1</sup>

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“Your sailors were peoples from Zidon and Arvad,  
Your Pilots were skilful;—they came, Tzur, from you;  
The skill and the science of Ghebel were yours,  
Constructing and building your ships for the sea,  
And their sailors were with you to go on your voyage.

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“Fars, Lud, and Fut were your troops,  
Your soldiers with shield and with helm;  
Which they hung in you, to add to your pride!  
And as troops round your walls were the sons of Arvad,  
And brave fellows they were on your towers,  
Who hung up their shields round your walls,  
And perfected your charms!

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“You traded with Tharshish for all kinds of wealth,  
For silver, for iron, for tin, and for lead;  
They purchased your mercantile wares.  
Javan, Thubal, and Meshek all traded with you,  
Giving bodies of men, and bronze goods for your stores.  
The House of Tograham with horses and chargers,  
And mules have all purchased your goods.

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<sup>1</sup> NOTE.—Ch. 27, v. 7. “Alishah Isles,” name of a region. Was it the British Isles, whose woad purple dyes were celebrated of old, as we learn from the Roman and Greek

poets and writers? The tint of woad is what we now call our Navy Blue, and was the colour of our National Flag of old, as it is still.—F. F.

- 15 " Sons of Dedan dealt with you, and many Isles traded,  
Handing ebony, ivory, in change for your cash.
- 16 And Aram bought much of your factory products;—  
With emeralds, and purple, and muslin, and lace,  
And coral, and rubies, they paid for your wares.
- 17 Judah, and Israel's land were your dealers;  
For fine wheat, and balms, and for honey and oil,—  
And marbles, they purchased from you.
- 18 " Damask purchased much that you made,  
With the rich wine of Helbon, and whitest of woo.
- 19 Dan and Javan bought cloth in your markets;  
They sold you wrought iron, and cassia and spices;
- 20 Dedan sold you rich saddles for riding;
- 21 The Arabs and princes of Kedar dealt with you,—  
Lambs, sheep, and fine goats were their goods.
- 22 The merchants of Sheba and Ramah were traders,  
With the best of all spices, and all precious gems,  
And gold which they paid for your wares.
- 23 " Haran, and Kanah, and Aden, with all Sheba's merchants,  
And Ashur and Kilmad were trading,
- 24 They bought of you fine purple fabrics,  
And laces, and braids of mixed hues,  
And cables well twisted, and cedars they purchased.
- 25 " Ships of Tarshish transported your trade,  
And extended your power in the heart of the seas.
- 26 But your sailors have brought you to breakers;  
The eastern wind wrecks in the midst of the sea;
- 27 Your bullion, your cargoes, your merchants, and seamen,  
And captains, constructors, shipbuilders and brokers,  
With all the bold warriors about you,  
With all those collected within you will fall,  
In the depth of the sea on the day when you fall!
- 28 " At the sound of the shriek of your pilots,  
The breakers will tremble;—
- 29 All who handle the ropes will descend from their ships,  
The sea-captains and sailors will stand on the land,  
And will send up their cries and will bitterly shriek,
- 30 Cast dust on their heads, and will roll on the sand-hills,  
And strip themselves for you, and clothe them in sacks.
- 31 And weep with soul-anguish and bitterly grieve,  
And raising their wail, they will chant over you,—
- 32 " ' Oh! Who was like Tzur in the midst of the waters?  
Many nations were fed by your trade on the seas!  
By your great wealth and traffic the kingdoms grew rich.
- 34 Now the breakers have wrecked in the trough of the sea!  
Your cargo and crew sink with you to its bed!  
All dwelling in islands are stupified at you!  
And their monarchs quivering have terrified looks!
- 36 The mercantile nations scream at you in terror,—  
' You were,'—but you never shall rise up again! "

### The Lesson of Tyre's Fate.

- 28 Again the message of the EVER-  
LIVING came to me to say:—
- 2 " Son of Adam! proclaim to the  
Prince of Tzur and say; Thus says

the MIGHTY LORD, because of the  
pride of your heart, and your saying,  
'I am a god! I sit with the gods  
in the heart of the seas!' Yet you  
are a man, and not a god!—although

you have set your heart in the circle  
 3 of the gods! However, you are wiser  
 than the judge of the gods! They  
 cannot hide any secrets from you!  
 4 You have made yourself powerful  
 by your sciences, and your know-  
 ledge, and enriched yourself in  
 treasures of gold and silver! You  
 have traded with your many  
 5 sciences, you have increased your  
 power,—and your heart has risen  
 6 with your power! Therefore," thus  
 says the MIGHTY LORD, "because  
 you have set your heart like the  
 7 heart of GOD, I will bring cruel,  
 tyrannical nations against you, who  
 will draw their swords against your  
 fine sciences, and spoil your splen-

dour! and you shall sink to death 8  
 with a deadly wound in the heart  
 of the sea! Will you assert before 9  
 your murderers, I am a god.? Yet  
 you will be a man, and not a god,  
 to the hand wounding you! You  
 shall die in contempt:—you shall 10  
 die by the hand of a foreigner;—  
 for I, the EVER-LIVING, have decreed  
 it!"

### A Second Lament over Tyre.

Then the command of the EVER- 11  
 LIVING came to me to say:—

"Son of Adam! raise a lament 12  
 over the king of Tzur, and say to him,  
 Thus says the MIGHTY LORD,

### A Lamentation for Tyre.

"You perfect seal! full of science and spotless in beauty!  
 You once were in Eden the garden of GOD! 13  
 Every stone that is precious was fastened upon you,  
 Ruby, topaz, and diamond; the beryl and onyx;  
 Sapphire, emerald, and opal; in chasings of gold,  
 They were made, and set on you the day you were born!

"And you were the Kerub, the holy protector, 14  
 And sat on the hill that was sacred to GOD:  
 You walked in the midst of the bright flashing jewels;  
 You were right in your path from the day of your birth! 15  
 Until in yourself the corruption was formed;  
 Till your trades filled your breast with extortion and wrong! 16  
 So I flung you out from the mountain of Godhood,  
 And sent your guardian Spirit from among the bright gems!  
 From your beauty your heart rose; your science corrupted; 17  
 Notwithstanding your splendour I flung you to earth;  
 And before kings, I cast you, to show what you are!

"Your great passion for trade deeply wounded your virtues, 18  
 So I bring fire from you, consuming yourself!  
 And on earth lay your ashes, in sight of onlookers;  
 All nations who knew you will shudder above you! 19  
 You have been a terror; but shall be never more!"

### The Doom of Zidon.

20 Then the command of the EVER-  
 LIVING came to me to say:—  
 21 "Son of Adam! Set your face  
 against Zidon, and proclaim to her,  
 22 and say, Thus says the MIGHTY  
 LORD! Zidon! I am against you,  
 and I will be honoured amongst you.  
 Then they will know that I am the  
 EVER-LIVING, when I execute justice  
 on her; and I shall be respected in  
 23 her. For I will send a plague to her,  
 and bloodshed in her streets, and the  
 slain shall fall in her from the sword  
 that assails her around;—then they  
 will learn that I am the EVER-LIVING.

And there shall not be again an 24  
 irritation from them, or painful briar  
 to the House of Israel, from any  
 around, but they will learn that I am  
 the MIGHTY LORD!"

### The Lesson from the Fate of Israel's Enemies.

The MIGHTY LORD declares thus: 25  
 —"When I collect the House of  
 Israel from the Peoples among whom  
 I have scattered them, and have been  
 revered by them in the sight of  
 the heathen, and they are restored to  
 the soil I gave to My servant Jacob,  
 upon which they shall dwell in safety, 26

and build houses and plant vineyards, and rest secure,—when I have executed Justice on all around who despised them,—they will acknowledge that I am their EVER-LIVING GOD!"

### The Fate of Pharaoh and Egypt.

29 In the tenth year, on the twelfth day of the tenth month, the command of the EVER-LIVING came to me to say:—

2 "Set your face against Pharaoh, king of the Mitzeraim, and proclaim 3 to him, and to all the Mitzeraim;—speak and say,—

"Thus says the MIGHTY LORD! I am opposed to you, Pharaoh, king of the Mitzeraim, you great reptile of the land between the rivers! who says to Me 'It is my river,—I made 4 it for myself!' I, however, will put hooks into your jaws, and make the fish of your rivers stick to your scales, 5 and pull you up out of your rivers on to the face of the fields where you will fall,—neither collected nor picked up, but I will give you as food to the beasts of the earth, and the birds of 6 the skies! Then all the population of the Mitzers will know that I am the EVER-LIVING, because they were a reed-like crutch to the House of 7 Israel! When they leaned upon your handle you split and gashed all their shoulder,—and when they leaned upon you, you broke, and shook all their waist!

8 "Therefore," thus the MIGHTY LORD declares, "I will bring a sword against you, and cut off from you 9 men and cattle, and the land of the Mitzeraim shall become a desolation and ash-heap; and they shall learn that I am the EVER-LIVING,—because they said, 'The river is mine! and I 10 made it!' Therefore I oppose you and your river! and will make the land of the Mitzeraim a heap of ashes, a waste of ashes from the Tower of Sunah, to the borders of 11 Kush.<sup>1</sup> The foot of man shall not pass over it, nor shall it be inhabited 12 for forty years! For I will make the land of the Mitzeraim a waste in the

midst of desolate countries,—and her cities, in the midst of cities of ashes. They shall be deserted for forty years, and I will scatter the Mitzeraim among the Nations, and sow them among the countries.

"But," the MIGHTY LORD declares, 13 "at the end of forty years, I will collect the Mitzeraim from the Peoples, where I have driven them, and restore the captive Mitzerites, 14 and return them to the district of Phathros,<sup>1</sup> to the land of their birth, and it shall become a low kingdom. It shall be lower than any kingdom, 15 and never again raise itself above the nations, for I will prevent it from trading in nations, and it shall no 16 more be trusted by the House of Israel,—a reminder of former sufferings to their face. Then they will learn that I am the MIGHTY LORD."

### Nebukhadnezzar's Pay for Destroying Tyre.

It happened again in the twenty- 17 seventh year, on the first of the first month, the command of the EVER-LIVING came to me to say:—

"Son of Adam! Nebukhadnezzar, 18 king of Babel, has done a big work with his army at Tzur:—every head has been made bare, and every shoulder chafed, but neither he nor his army have had any pay from Tzur, for the work they have done against her. Therefore," thus says the 19 MIGHTY LORD, "I will give the land of the Mitzeraim to Nebukhadnezzar, king of Babel, and he shall carry off her wealth, plunder her plunder, and loot her loot, and it shall be the pay of his army. For 20 the work he has done at her I give to him the land of the Mitzeraim, for what he did for Me," said the MIGHTY LORD. "At the same time I will 21 produce a shoot from the House of Israel; and give you an open mouth amongst them,—when they will learn that I am the EVER-LIVING."

### Woe to many Nations.

The command of the EVER-LIVING 30 came again to me to say:—

"Son of Adam! Proclaim and say: 2

<sup>1</sup> NOTE.—Ch. 29, v. 10. "From the Tower of Sunah, to the borders of Kush." KUSH was the country extending from the Persian Gulf on the east to the Gulf of Suez on the west, that is now North Central Arabia.—F. F.

<sup>1</sup> NOTE.—Ch. 29, v. 14. "Phathros." Probably the Delta of the Nile—the "spreading out," to expand, explain, lay open, being the meaning of the word in Hebrew and Arabic.—F. F.

'Thus says the MIGHTY LORD—  
 3 Howl, Alas for the day! For the day comes,—the day of the EVER-LIVING comes,—a gloomy day,—the day of  
 4 the Nations comes! And a sword has gone to Mitzer,—and anguish has gone to Kush, at the fall of the wounded of Mitzer, for her wealth is seized, and her foundations are upturned!  
 5 Kush, and Phut, and Lud, and all the Arab and Kub, and the men of the countries allied with them shall fall by the sword!  
 6 "Thus," said the LORD, "they shall fall heavily with Mitzer, and her proud strength shall rush down. They shall fall with her by the sword from Migdol to Suneh," said the EVER-LIVING, "and be desolate amongst  
 7 the desolate countries, and their cities amongst the cities shall become heaps  
 8 of ashes! When they will learn that I, the EVER-LIVING, have put a fever in Mitzer which will shatter all her  
 9 strength. Then messengers shall proceed from My presence to the deserts to cause terror to easy Kush, and anguish will reach them like that of Mitzer,—for look! it has arrived!"  
 10 The MIGHTY LORD continued thus, "I will take away the wealth of Mitzer by the hand of Nebukhadnez-  
 11 zar, king of Babel. He, and his People with him,—the terror of Nations,—advance to destroy the country; and draw their swords against Mitzer, and  
 12 fill the land with slain. I also will make their rivers ash-heaps and sell the country to the hands of the cruel,—and desolate the land, and its industry, by the hand of foreigners, I, the EVER-LIVING, have said it!"  
 13 Thus says the MIGHTY LORD, "I will make the idols waste away,—and destroy the delusions from Noph, and a prince shall never again come from the land of the Mitzeraim,—but I will  
 14 put fear in the country of Mitzer. I will also desolate the Delta, and set fire to Zaon, and execute justice on  
 15 Noa,—and pour My indignation on Sin, the Fortress of Mitzer, and cut  
 16 off the wealth of Noa. When I set fire to the Mitzeraim, Sin will be in torment, and Noph in daily misery!  
 17 The warriors of Aven and Pi-beseth will fall by the sword, and they shall  
 18 go to captivity. What a dark day for Taphenes when I break the supports of the Mitzeraim, and destroy the pride of her power! Gloom will cover her! when her daughters go into

slavery! and I execute justice on the 19 Mitzeraim; then they will learn that I am the EVER-LIVING."

### The Doom of Egypt's Power.

It was in the eleventh year, on the 20 first of the seventh month, the command of the EVER-LIVING came to me to say:—

"Son of Adam! I have shattered 21 the arm of Pharaoh, king of the Mitzeraim! and it has not been bound with remedial appliances, or wrapped in bandages, to fix and strengthen it to grasp the sword. For," thus said 22 the MIGHTY LORD, "I am opposed to Pharaoh, king of the Mitzeraim, and have broken the arms of his power,—they are broken,—and have caused the sword to fall from his hand! And I will scatter the Mitzeraim 23 amongst the nations, and sow them in the countries, but will strengthen 24 the arms of the king of Babel, and put My sword into his hand; but break the arms of Pharaoh, who will groan the groans of the wounded before him! For I have strengthened 25 the arms of the king of Babel, and enfeebled the arms of Pharaoh,—and they shall learn that it is I, the EVER-LIVING, Who put the sword into the hand of the king of Babel, and extend it against the Mitzeraim; and Who 26 scatter the Mitzeraim amongst the nations, and sow them amongst the countries,—where they will learn that I am the EVER-LIVING."

### A Question asked of Pharaoh about a Cedar of Lebanon.

It was in the eleventh year, on the 31 third of the first month, that the command of the EVER-LIVING came to me to say:—

"Son of Adam! Ask Pharaoh, king 2 of the Mitzeraim, and all his crowd, Who are you like in your grandeur? You saw Ashur was a cedar in 3 Lebanon,—with beautiful branches, and silent shade, and lofty heights,—with his foliage like dark clouds! He grew by the brooks;—the deep 4 rose for him,—her streams ran round his roots, and sent their rills to all the trees of the field. So his stature 5 was higher than all the trees in the fields, and his branches increased, and his boughs multiplied from the plentiful water sent to him. All the 6 birds of the skies nestled in his

branches, and all the beasts of the field bred under his boughs, and many nations rested under his shade. And he was beautiful in his grandeur and wide-stretching leafage, for his roots were in plenty of water. The cedars in the garden of GOD could not hide him; the pines were not equal to his boughs; nor were the planes to his branches;—all the trees in the garden of GOD were not equal to him in his beauty. I made him beautiful with his many branches;—and all the trees in the garden of GOD envied him!

“However,” the MIGHTY LORD says this, “because of excessive height,—and placing his foliage in the clouds, and lifting his heart in pride, I have given him to the Prince of Nations! He will deal with him! I have driven him off in his crime! and foreign cruel nations shall cut him down, and abandon him on the hills, when all his glorious boughs will wither, and his branches be broken by the strong of the earth; and all the Peoples of the earth have fled from his shade, and left him! Upon his wreck all the birds of the skies will settle, and all the beasts of the field come to his boughs. So let none of all the trees by the brooks exalt themselves on high, nor place their foliage in the clouds, nor station themselves above all the drinkers of water; for all will be

given to death, to the earth beneath,—amongst the sons of Adam, who go down to the pit!

“On the day he went to the grave,” said the MIGHTY LORD, “I mourned! I covered the deep for him! I stopped the rivers! I shut up many waters! I darkened Lebanon for him! And all the trees of the field fainted for him! At the sound of his fall the nations shook! At his descent to the grave;—at his descent to the pit, the depths of the earth sighed;—all the trees of Eden,—the best and fairest of Lebanon,—all that drink waters! They went down with him to the grave,—to the slain by the sword,—who lay scattered beside him among the nations!

“Are you like him in glory, and grandeur, among the trees of Eden? You will still be brought down with the trees of Eden to the lower earth among the defiled,—lying with those killed by the sword,—you, Pharaoh, and all your companions,” says the MIGHTY LORD.

#### A Dirge over Pharaoh.

It was in the twelfth year, on the twelfth month, on the first of the month, the command of the EVER-LIVING came to me to say:

“Son of Adam! take up a lament for Pharaoh, king of the Mitzeraim, and say about him:—

#### Lament over Pharaoh.

“You were like a young lion to nations,  
And you were like to a reptile in seas;  
And you paddled your feet in the rivers,  
And muddled about in your streams.

“But thus says the MIGHTY JEHOVAH!  
Over you I will fling out My net,  
And My toils, with a great crowd of men!  
Leave on land, on the face of the field,  
And the birds of the skies light on you,  
And the beasts of the earth on you gorge.  
On the hills I will fling out your flesh,  
And the vales shall be full of your worms!  
Flood the land where you swam with your blood,  
And fill the dales up to the hills!

“When I quench you, I’ll darken the stars,—  
And cover the sun in a cloud,  
And the moon shall not give out her light.  
For you darken the lamps of the skies,  
And spread darkness over your land,”  
Thus the ALMIGHTY LORD has declared.

“Many nations will grieve at the heart,  
When I wreck you along with the tribes,

In lands that you never had known,  
 And waste many Peoples with you;  
 And kings lie in trouble for you,  
 When I brandish My sword in their face,  
 And shrink back in terror each one  
 For his life, in the day of your fall!"

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11 For thus says the MIGHTY LORD!  
 "The sword of the king of Babel  
 12 shall come to you! I will fell you by  
 the swords of his generals, the most  
 cruel of the nations,—and they will  
 plunder the pride of Mitzer, and  
 13 destroy her wealth. And I will  
 deprive her of all the cattle beside  
 her many streams, nor shall the foot  
 of man muddle them again, nor the  
 14 hoof of cattle muddle them, when I  
 cause your brooks to shrink, and  
 your rivers to run like oil," says the  
 15 MIGHTY LORD, "when I make the  
 land of the Miteraim desolate, and  
 deprive the country of its industry.  
 When I strike its inhabitants,—they  
 will acknowledge that I am the EVER-  
 LIVING.

"This is the lamentation with which 16  
 the daughter of the nations will  
 lament her,—they will lament over  
 Mitzer, and all her wealth,—they  
 will lament her," says the MIGHTY  
 LORD.

### Another Dirge ober Egypt and her Allies.

It was in the twelfth year, on the 17  
 fifteenth of the month, that the com-  
 mand of the EVER-LIVING came to  
 me to say:—

"Son of Adam! Wail over the 18  
 population of Egypt, and the  
 daughters of the noble nations  
 gone down beneath the earth,  
 descended to the pit!

### A Lament ober Egypt, and all her Allies.

"You beauty! descend and lie down with the vile, 19  
 In the home of the slaughtered who fall by the sword 20  
 They give her a bed with her crowds;  
 From the midst of the grave heroes call out to her, 21  
 Where the mighty departed lie slain by the sword.

"There is Ashur and all his assembly with him,— 22  
 They are buried, all slain, as they fell by the sword;  
 Each is placed in his tomb at the sides of the pit, 23  
 And his troops still about him surrounding his grave;—  
 They are all of them slain, and flung down by the sword;  
 Who made themselves terrors when living on earth!

"Ailam is there with her friends all surrounding her tomb, 24  
 Who were all of them slaughtered, and felled by the sword;  
 Who departed, defiled, to the earth underneath;  
 Who made themselves terrors when living on earth,  
 But were loaded with shame when they went to the Pit!  
 In the midst of the slain they have made her a bed;  
 And with all her companions around her entombed;— 25  
 They were slain by the sword, and the whole were disgraced,  
 Tho' in life they had made themselves terrors to earth;  
 And they bear their disgrace with those gone to the pit;—  
 She is laid in the midst of her slain.

"There is Meshek and Tubal with great hosts around, 26  
 All entombed in disgrace with the slain by the sword,  
 Tho' in life they had made themselves terrors on earth.  
 Lie they not with the heroes who fell in defeat, 27  
 Who went down to the grave with their weapons of war?  
 'Neath their heads are their swords, and their rags on their bones,  
 Tho' in life they had made themselves terrors on earth!

- 28 " And yourself shall be broke in the midst of the vile !  
 You shall lie down with those who are slain by the sword !
- 29 There is Edom, her king, and her princes are there,—  
 Who are laid with their brave, but all slain by the sword,  
 They sleep there with the vile, and are gone to the pit !
- 30 All the League of the North, and all Zidon are there ;  
 Who fell slain, with their terrible heroes ashamed,  
 And lie vilely disgraced with the slain by the sword,  
 And bear their reproach with those gone to the pit !
- 31 " Pharoh sees them,—feels comfort for all his slain host,  
 Pharoh, slain by the sword, with his powerful troops,  
 Yes, Pharoh's whole host, says my GOD EVER-LIVING,  
 Though his terrors he placed on the living on earth,  
 I cause him to sleep in disgrace with those slain by the sword,  
 Yes, Pharoh and all his great host," said JEHOVAH, my GOD !

### A Warning to Israel.

- 33 The command of the EVER-LIVING came again to me to say :—
- 2 " Son of Adam, speak to the children of your people and say to them, ' When I bring a sword against a country, and take a man of that country to its borders, and appoint
- 3 him as a watchman for them, and he sees the sword coming to the country, and he blows his trumpet, and arouses
- 4 the People,—whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, but the sword approaches and seizes him,—his blood will be
- 5 upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and did not take warning,—his blood will be on himself, since he had been warned to protect his life.
- 6 " But if when the watchman saw the sword advancing, he did not sound the trumpet, nor warned the people, and the sword came, and took a person from them, he will have been taken by his fault, and I will require his blood at the hand of the watchman.
- 7 " And you, Son of Adam,—I have appointed you as a watchman for the House of Israel :—therefore listen to the command from My mouth, and
- 8 warn them by it. If I say to the wicked that he shall die for his wickedness, and you do not speak to warn the sinner from his wicked way, he will die by his sin,—but I will seek
- 9 his blood on your hand. But when you warn the wicked to turn from his way,—and he does not turn from his course,—he will die for his sin,—but you will have delivered your soul.
- 10 " So now, Son of Adam, speak to the House of Israel, address them who say :—  
 " Because our sins and offences

are upon us, we waste away by them, —and there is no revival !'

" Say to them, ' By My life,' says 11  
 the MIGHTY LORD, ' I do not delight in the death of the wicked ;—but wish the wicked to turn from his course and be revived. Turn ! Turn ! from your bad course ! Why will you kill yourselves, House of Israel ?'

" Therefore you, Son of Adam, tell 12  
 the children of your people, ' The righteousness of the good will not rescue him at the time when he sins ;—and the wickedness of the wicked will not weigh against him when he turns from his wickedness : —nor the righteous be able to live by it when he sins !'

" When I tell the righteous that he 13  
 shall live, and he relies in that righteousness, and does wrong, all his righteousness will not be remembered, but for the wrong he has done he will die by it.

" But when I tell the wicked he 14  
 shall die,—and he abandons his offences, and practises justice and right, —if the wicked restores the pledge ; 15  
 —returns the theft ; —follows the rules of life—ceases to do wrong ;—then he shall live, he shall not die. All 16  
 the offences by which he had offended will not be remembered against him. He practises justice and right,—he will live.

" But the children of your people 17  
 say, ' The path of the ALMIGHTY is not straight !' Your path, however, is not straight.

" By the righteous turning from his 18  
 righteousness and practising evil,— he then dies by it. And by the 19  
 wicked turning from his wickedness, and practising justice and righteousness,—he is revived by them. Yet 20



you say, 'The path of the ALMIGHTY is not straight!' House of Israel, I will sentence every one of you by his own courses!"

### The Fall of Jerusalem and a Message upon the News.

- 21 It was in the twelfth year, on the tenth of the fifth month, of our transportation, a refugee from Jerusalem came to me to say: "The city has  
22 been assaulted!" But the hand of the LORD had been upon me in the evening before the refugee came, and He had opened my mouth when he came to me in the morning, and I could speak, being no longer dumb.  
23 So the command of the EVER-LIVING came to me to say:  
24 "Son of Adam! The inhabitants of the ash-heaps in the land of Israel exclaim, and say: 'Abraham was an individual, yet possessed the country;—and we are many. Give us the  
25 possession of the country.' Therefore tell them, 'Thus says the MIGHTY LORD: Because of the blood you eat, and the raising of your eyes to idols, and the blood you have shed,—ought  
26 you to possess the country? You stand on your ruins practising depravities,—and each corrupts the wife of his neighbour!—yet you would possess the country?'  
27 "Tell them this, 'Thus says the MIGHTY LORD: By My life, those in the ruins shall fall by the sword, and those in the open field I will give to the beasts for food! and those in forts and caves shall die of disease.  
28 I will also make the country desolate and waste, and her proud power shall fail, and the hills of Israel be a  
29 desert without a passenger. Then they will learn that I am the EVER-LIVING when I make the country desolate and waste, because of all the depravities they practise.'  
30 "And you, Son of Adam,—the children of your People make a talk about you in the shadow of the walls, and at the doors of their houses, and they say one to another, each to his friend, 'Let us go now and listen what message has come from the  
31 EVER-LIVING.' But they only come to you as a gathering crowd, and sit before you as a mob, and listen to your speech; but they do not practise it,—for they flatter with their mouth,  
32 but their hearts follow villany! And

you are like a love-song to them, beautiful in sound, and cheering in tone, so they listen to your words;—but they do not practise them;—but 33 when that comes which will come,—they will acknowledge that a Prophet has come amongst them!"

### A Warning to Israel's Shepherds.

The command of the EVER-LIVING 34 came again to me to say:

"Son of Adam! Preach against 2 the shepherds of Israel, and tell those shepherds; 'Thus says the MIGHTY LORD. Woe to the shepherds who shepherd themselves!—should not shepherds shepherd their flock? Who 3 consume the milk, and wear the wool, and kill the fattened;—but shepherd not the flock! You have not strengthened the feeble;—and have not cured the wounded; and have not bandaged the broken, nor turned back the straying;—nor sought the lost; but brutally kicked and driven them off! So they were scattered without a 5 shepherd, and devoured by all the wild beasts of the field, and chased! My sheep wandered on all the hills, 6 and on all the high mountains, and over all the surface of the country the flock was scattered, and you never enquired or sought for them. Therefore, Shepherds! listen to the 7 message from the EVER-LIVING! 'By 8 My life,' says the MIGHTY LORD, 'it is because you let My flock be devoured by all the wild beasts of the field, without a shepherd;—and the shepherds never care about My flock;—but the shepherds mind themselves, and do not mind the sheep, therefore, Shepherds! listen to the 9 message from the EVER-LIVING. Thus says the MIGHTY LORD, 'I am 10 against you, Shepherds, and will demand My sheep from your hands, and will dismiss you from your shepherdship of the flock,—and you, Shepherds! shall shepherd yourselves no more;—but I will rescue My sheep from you, and you shall not devour them.'

"For," thus says the MIGHTY 11 LORD, "I will attend My sheep and look after them. As a shepherd 12 looks after his flock during the time he is amongst the scattering sheep;—so I will look after My sheep, and rescue them from all the hollows where they have been scattered in the day of clouds and darkness, and will 13

bring them out from the Peoples, and collect them from the countries, and bring them to their own ground, and shepherd them on the hills of Israel, by the brooks, and near the inhabited country. I will shepherd them with good shepherding, and their folds shall be on the high hills of Israel, where they shall lie down in good pasture, and feed fat on the provender of the hills of Israel! I will shepherd My flock, and I will comfort them," says the MIGHTY LORD. "I shall seek for the lost; and will turn back to straying; and bandage the broken; and strengthen the feeble,—but kill the fat and strong. I will shepherd properly! I will also give My flock," the MIGHTY LORD says this, "Myself justice between sheep and sheep, and rams and he-goats.

18 "Does it seem nothing to you to have fed on good pasture, and neglected your shepherding;—that you must trample it with your feet? And having been quenched with clear water,—but you must muddle the rest with your feet? so that My sheep must eat what your feet crushed, and drink what your feet had befouled?

20 "Consequently," the MIGHTY LORD says this, "I Myself will decide between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you have pushed with side and shoulder, and struck with your horns all the weak, until you have expelled them to the outside, I will protect My sheep, and they shall not again become a prey, for I will decide between sheep and sheep, and will appoint a Perfect Shepherd, who will shepherd them,—My Servant David,—who shall pasture them, and be their shepherd. I, the EVER-LIVING, will also be their GOD, and My Servant David a prince to them. I, the EVER-LIVING have said it.

25 "Then I will make a treaty of peace with them, and expel cruel beasts from the country, so that they may reside in the open plains in security, and sleep in the woods. I will also endow those who surround My hills with a blessing;—and rain shall pour down in its season; and there shall be blessed showers.

27 Then the tree of the field shall bear its fruit, and the earth give out its produce,—and they shall be secure on their grounds. Then they will

know that I am the EVER-LIVING, when I have broken yokes off them, and delivered them from power of those who enslaved them; for they shall never again be a prey for the heathen, nor shall the wild beasts of the earth devour them,—but they shall rest in safety, and without fear. And I will raise for them a wonderful plant,—and they shall be no more destroyed by famine in the country, and no more bear the insults of the heathen; but acknowledge that I am their EVER-LIVING GOD, and the House of Israel are My People," said the MIGHTY LORD. "You, however, My sheep, the sheep of My pastures, are Men! I am your GOD!" says the MIGHTY LORD.

### The Doom of Mount Seir.

The command of the EVER-LIVING came again to me to say:

"Son of Adam! Turn towards Mount Seir, and proclaim against it, and say to it,—Thus says the MIGHTY LORD! I am opposed to you, Mount Seir, and will extend My hand against you, and make you desolate and waste. I will lay your towns in ashes;—and you shall become desolate, and learn that I am the EVER-LIVING. Because you had a perpetual hatred, and poured out the children of Israel to the hand of the sword, at the time of Edom,—at the time of his passionate slaughter! Therefore, by My life," says the MIGHTY LORD, "I will prepare blood for you! and blood shall pursue you; since you did not hate blood,—therefore blood shall pursue you! So I will make Mount Seir desolate and waste, and will cut off from it travellers and resident. I will also cover his hills with his slain, and on your highlands, and vales, and plains, those slain by the sword shall fall! I will make you an everlasting desolation! Your towns shall not be rebuilt! then you will learn that I am the EVER-LIVING because you said, 'Both those nations, and those two countries will be mine, and I shall possess them!' But the EVER-LIVING was there; therefore, by My life," says the MIGHTY LORD, "I will act like the rage and envy that you displayed against them, and display Myself as amongst them, when I punish you! You also will learn that I am the EVER-LIVING.

and have heard all the insults you uttered against the mountains of Israel, 'They are desolated for us! They are given us to be devoured!' 13 And you inflated yourself against Me by your mouth, and boasted against Me by your words!—I heard!" 14 Thus says the MIGHTY LORD, "When all this country is glad,—I will make you desolate! You rejoiced over the injuries to the House of Israel, when desolate;—therefore I will do this to you: All Mount Seir, and all Edom shall become desolate, —and learn that I am the EVER-LIVING.

### A Message to the Hills of Israel.

36 "But now, Son of Adam, preach to the Mountains of Israel, and say, Mountains of Israel! listen to a message from the EVER-LIVING. 2 Thus says the MIGHTY LORD! Because your enemies say, 'Ah, Ah,' at you, 'the everlasting hills will be our possessions,' therefore proclaim and say, Thus says the MIGHTY LORD! Although they have ravaged and worried you all round, to make you a province of broken nations, and to bring you on to the end of the tongue as a contemptible People,—therefore, Mountains of Israel! listen to the message of the MIGHTY LORD! The MIGHTY LORD says to the Mountains, and to the Hills, and to the Valleys and Dales, and to the Waste Heaps of Ashes, and to the Deserted Cities, that were plundered, and laughed at by the broken nations around you;" thus says the MIGHTY LORD, "I will promise in the fire of My indignation against the broken nations, and against Edom; all of them who assigned My land to themselves as a possession, with a delighted heart and a malignant mind, that they should be a subject of plunder.—Therefore proclaim to the soil of Israel, and tell the Mountains, and Hills, and Valleys and Dales,—thus says the MIGHTY LORD, I promise you in My indignation and anger,—because you have borne the insults of the heathen,—therefore," thus says the MIGHTY LORD, "I have raised My hand,—that the heathen around you shall bear their own disgrace! But you, Mountains of Israel! shall grow trees and bear fruit for My People Israel, 9 when they are ready to come! For

I am with you, and will turn towards you, and you will be cultivated and sown, and I will increase a population from all of the House of Israel, who will return to the burnt-up cities and rebuild them. For I will increase men and cattle upon you, and you will increase and breed, to your ancient population, and I will benefit you more than formerly. Then you will learn that I am the EVER-LIVING, when I bring the men of My People Israel to you, who will possess you, and you shall be their estates, and you shall never again be bereaved."

Thus says the MIGHTY LORD! "Because they say to you, 'You devour men, and have been a destroyer of your population!' Therefore you shall not again devour your population, nor again be bereaved of your population," says the MIGHTY LORD.

"And I will no more startle you by the insult of the heathen, and you shall no more bear the reproach of the Peoples,—for you shall not be bereft of your population again," the MIGHTY LORD declares.

The message of the EVER-LIVING came again to me to say:

"Son of Adam! when the House of Israel resided in their own country they defiled it by their conduct, and idols,—their conduct before me was like that of a depraved loose woman; so I poured My indignation upon them, because of the blood they shed upon the earth, and its defilement by idols. I also scattered them amongst the heathen, and littered them in the countries;—I punished them for their ways and practices. But upon arriving amongst the heathen where they were sent, they degraded MY HOLY NAME, by saying to them, 'These are the People of the EVER-LIVING! but they have been put out from His country!' I however have regard to MY HOLY NAME, which the House of Israel have degraded amongst the heathen where they wander;—therefore tell the House of Israel, Thus says the MIGHTY LORD! I will not effect this for your sakes, House of Israel, but for MY HOLY NAME which you have degraded amongst the heathen to whom you have come. I intend to sanctify My greatly degraded NAME amongst the

heathen, which you degraded amongst them,—so that the heathen may learn that I am the EVER-LIVING." the MIGHTY LORD declares, "by My making Myself sacred in their eyes, 24 through you! Then I will bring you from the heathen, and collect you from all the countries, and bring you 25 to your own soil, and wash you with pure water, and purify you from all your corruptions, and cleanse you 26 from your idolatries, and give you a new heart, and put a new spirit in your breast; and remove the heart of stone from your body, and place in 27 you a heart of flesh, and put My spirit into your breast, and cause you to walk according to My institutions and regard and practise My Decrees. 28 Then I will restore you to the country I gave to your ancestors, and you shall be My people, and I will be 29 your GOD, and rescue you from all your corruptions,—and call to the corn, and increase it, and not lay 30 famine upon you. I will also increase the fruit of the trees, and the products of the fields, so that the reproach of famine will no more be brought against you by the heathen. 31 Then you will reflect on your wicked ways, and bad conduct, and be despicable in your own sight, because 32 of your sins and depravities. I shall not do this for your sakes," the MIGHTY LORD declares;—"let yourselves know that;—and be ashamed and feel the disgrace of your conduct, House of Israel."

33 The MIGHTY LORD says thus, "In the time when I cleanse you from all your passions and restore you to your cities, and you rebuild the burnt 34 ruins; and the desolate land that was a waste to the eyes of all who passed through it, is again cultivated, 35 they will ask, 'How has this country, that was a desert, become like the Garden of Eden? and its burnt and desolate and broken-down cities 36 inhabited fortresses?' Then the fragments of the heathen around will recognize that I, the EVER-LIVING, have rebuilt the ruins, and planted the waste. I, the EVER-LIVING, have promised, and will perform it!"

37 Thus says the MIGHTY LORD, "Yet I must be requested by the House of Israel to do this. Then I will increase population for them 38 like sheep,—like blessed sheep they shall be,—like sheep in Jerusalem at

her fairs. The burnt cities shall be full of men like flocks,—and they shall learn that I am the EVER-LIVING!"

### The Plain covered by Dry Bones.

The hand of the EVER-LIVING 37 came upon me and carried me out by the whirlwind of the LORD, and let me down on the Plain, and it was full of bones. Then it whirled me 2 over them round and round, and I saw very many on the surface of the Plain, and I perceived they were very dry. Then He asked me, "Son of 3 Adam, can these bones be revived?"

And I replied, "You know, MIGHTY LORD."

When He answered, "Preach to 4 these bones, and say to them, Dry bones! listen to the message of the LIVING LIFE! The MIGHTY LORD 5 proclaims, I will bring a wind to you, and you shall revive! I will also put 6 sinews on you, and cause flesh to cover you, and cover you with skin, and put breath into you, when you will revive,—and learn that I am the LIFE."

I consequently preached as He 7 ordered me;—and as I preached a sound came, and I perceived an earthquake, and the bone approached to bone! Then I watched, and saw 8 muscles come over them, and flesh rise and skin cover them over all,—but breath was not in them.

He then said to me, "Proclaim to the 9 Wind,—proclaim, Son of Adam, and say to the Wind, 'Thus says the MIGHTY LORD,—Wind! come from the four winds, and blow into the throats of these,—and let them revive!'"

So I proclaimed as He ordered me, 10 and the wind came to them, and they revived! and stood on their feet,—a very, very great army!

Then He said to me, "Son of 11 Adam! these bones are all the House of Israel. You know they say, 'Our bones are dry, and our hope has faded: we are exterminated!' There- 12 fore proclaim and tell them, 'Thus says the MIGHTY LORD, Be certain that I will open your graves, and bring you from your tombs, My People, and lead you to the soil of Israel! Then you will learn that I 13 am the LIFE, when I open your graves and bring you, My People, from your tombs. And I will put My 14

breath into you, and revive you,—I, the LIFE, have promised, and I will perform it!" said the EVER-LIVING.

### The Parable of the Twelve Sticks.

- 15 The message of the EVER-LIVING came again to me to say:—
- 16 "Now you, Son of Adam, select a stick for yourself, and write upon it, 'For Judah.' And for the Sons of Israel his companions, take another stick, and write on it, 'For Joseph!' A stick for Ephraim, and for all the House of Israel their companions.
- 17 Then join them for yourself one to another as one stick,—and make them one for your hand. And when
- 18 the children of your People ask you, and say, 'Will you inform us why
- 19 you do this?' say to them, Thus says the MIGHTY LORD, Look! I shall take the stick of Joseph which is next to Ephraim, and the staves of Israel his companions, and join them to the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall become one
- 20 for My hand. Then hold the sticks you have written upon, in your hand
- 21 in their sight, and say to them, Thus says the MIGHTY LORD, 'Look! I will take the children of Israel from the hand of the heathen, where they have gone, and collect them from around and lead them to their own
- 22 land, where I will make them one nation in the country, on the mountains of Israel, and they shall have a single king to govern them, and shall never more be two nations, nor be again divided into two kingdoms.
- 23 They will not defile themselves again with idols, and pollutions, nor any of their rebellions. For I will rescue them from all their faults in which they sinned, and purify them, and they shall be My people, and I will be their GOD. Then My Servant David shall reign over them and be their single Shepherd to them all, and they will conduct themselves by My decrees, and regard My institutions,
- 25 and practise them, and rest in the country that I gave to My servant Jacob,—where your fathers dwelt. You shall reside in it, and your sons, and grandsons for ever,—and My Servant David shall be your prince for ever!
- 26 "I will then make a treaty of peace. It shall be an everlasting treaty that I will make with them,
- 27 —and I will increase them,—and fix

My Sanctuary amongst them for ever, and reside with them, and I will be their GOD, and they will be My People. Then the heathen will learn that I, the EVER-LIVING, sanctify 28 Israel, when My Sanctuary is amongst them for ever!"

### The Doom of Gog.

- The message of the EVER-LIVING 38 came again to me to say:—
- "Son of Adam! set your face 2 against Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshek, and Thubal, and proclaim to him, and 3 say:— "Thus says the MIGHTY LORD,—I am opposed to you, Gog, chief prince of Meshek and Thubal, but I shall control you by putting 4 My bit into your jaws and bringing you and all your army, horsemen and cavalry all of them fully armed;—a numerous host, with shields and bucklers, and trained to the use of swords;—and Pars, Kush, and Phut, 5 all of them with shield and helmet;—Gomer and all his hordes; the 6 House of Thorgarmah from the far north, and the whole of his hordes;—many Peoples with you,—drilled and 7 disciplined by yourself;—you and all your host,—and their hosts with you, — and you yourself shall be their Commander. Prepared by 8 yourself for a long time,—shall come at the end of the years to the country restored from its ruins; with your recruits from many Peoples, against the Mountains of Israel that were a continuous waste, but who have been brought out of the nations, and all of them dwelling in security,—until you 9 ascend like a storm! Coming on like a cloud to cover the land,—you and all your hordes, and many Peoples with you.—Then," thus says 10 the MIGHTY LORD; "At that time thoughts will come into your mind, and you will conceive a vile idea, and will say, I will attack a country 11 of unwallied villages,—I will advance to a quiet, secure population,—all of them without walls, or bars, and having no gates! 12 —to plunder and loot, 12 —to turn your hand against the reinhabited ruins, and against a People collected from the heathen, —practising commerce and trade, and residing on the top of the earth.
- "Sheba, and Dedan, and merchants 13 of Tharshish, and all her Young Lions, will ask you,—' Have

you come to plunder and rob? Have you collected your host to carry off silver and gold?—to seize commerce and trade? and to plunder a great plunder?’

- 14 “Therefore proclaim, Son of Adam, and tell Gog, ‘Thus says the MIGHTY LORD, at the time when My People Israel rest secure, will you  
15 not know it? and come from your home in the far north,—you,—and many Peoples with you,—all of them riding on horses,—a great horde, and  
16 a numerous army? And you will come against My People Israel, like a cloud to cover the country. It will be in future times that I shall bring you to My country, so that the nations may recognize Me when I have distinguished Myself upon you, Gog, in their sight!’”
- 17 Thus says the MIGHTY LORD! “You are the one of whom I spoke in former times by means of My servants the Prophets of Israel! who proclaimed in the period of their life that I would bring you upon  
18 them. But at that time;—at the period when Gog arrives at the soil of Israel,” the MIGHTY LORD declares it, “My indignation will be  
19 raised in My face, and in My anger and fiery wrath I promise that at that time there shall be a great trembling  
20 in the soil of Israel, when the fish of the sea, and the birds of the skies, and the beasts of the field, and all the things that creep on the face of the earth, shall tremble before Me, and the hills shall be overthrown, and the steeps shall fall, and every  
21 wall in the country shall fall! I will then proclaim against him a sword on all My hills, and the sword of each will assail his companion,” says the  
22 MIGHTY LORD, “and I will execute justice upon him, by disease and slaughter, and pouring rain, and hail of fire; and rain brimstone upon him, and upon his hordes; and upon the many nations who are with him,  
23 for I intend to magnify, and distinguish, and manifest Myself to the eyes of many nations, that they may learn that I am the EVER-LIVING.”
- 39 “So now, Son of Adam, proclaim against Gog, and say, Thus says the MIGHTY LORD! I am opposed to you, Gog, Chief Prince of Meshek and  
2 Thubal! Therefore I will incite you, and induce you, and bring you up from the far north, and lead you to

the hills of Israel, where I will strike  
3 your bow out of your left hand and your arrows shall drop from your right, upon the hills of Israel. You  
4 shall fall and I will give you and all your hordes as food for the ravenous birds of all kinds, and beasts of the field. You shall fall on the face of  
5 the fields,—for I have decreed it,” says the MIGHTY LORD. “I will  
6 also send fire upon Magog, and the population of the secure coasts,—and they shall learn that I am the  
7 EVER-LIVING. Then My HOLY NAME will never die;—when the heathen learn that I, the EVER-LIVING, am  
beneficent to Israel.

“Be sure it will come, and be in  
8 existence,” says the MIGHTY LORD, “that day of which I speak.

“Then the population of the cities  
9 of Israel shall come out and burn, and fire the arms, and bucklers and shields, and bows and arrows, and maces and spears, and burn them  
10 for seven years as fuel. They will not need to carry timber from the fields, nor to cut it from the forests, for they will burn the equipments as fuel, and plunder their spoil, and loot their loot,” the MIGHTY LORD declares.

“And on that day I will give Gog a  
11 place of burial in Israel,—the Vale of Passage,—alongside the sea, but it will make the travellers stop their noses, and they will bury Gog there with all his multitude, and call the  
12 spot Gog’s Defeat. It will take the people of Israel seven months to bury them, so that they may purify the  
13 country. All the people of the country will be burying them, and it will be amongst them a day to celebrate MY NAME,” says the MIGHTY LORD.  
“They will also appoint men to regu-  
14 larly go over the country to bury those who have dropped in scatterings upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it. They will be burying for a period of seven months. When the searchers,  
15 who examine the country, perceive a human bone, they will erect a beacon beside it, until the buryers bury it in the Vale of Gog’s Host, and the city  
16 also will be named Hamonah.<sup>1</sup> Thus the country will be cleansed.

“But now, Son of Adam,” the  
17 MIGHTY LORD commands thus, “call

<sup>1</sup> NOTE. — Ch. 39, v. 16. In Hebrew, “Hamonah” means “Mob-town.”

to every kind of bird, and to every  
 beast of the field, Collect yourselves,  
 and come, and gather around to the  
 sacrifice that I will sacrifice for you ;  
 —the great sacrifice upon the hills of  
 Israel ; and I will feed you with flesh,  
 18 and quench you with blood ! You  
 shall eat the flesh of Heroes, and  
 drink the blood of the Princes of the  
 earth,—rams, lambs, and magnificent  
 19 bulls,—all of them fat-fleshed ! I will  
 feed you to gorging with fat, and make  
 you drunk with blood, at the sacrifice  
 20 I shall sacrifice for you ! and will  
 satiate you at My table with horse,  
 and mounted hero, and common  
 soldier," says the MIGHTY LORD,  
 21 "when I display My Majesty to the  
 nations:—and all nations see the  
 decision that I execute, and the power  
 22 with which I control them. Then  
 the House of Israel will acknowledge  
 that I am their EVER-LIVING GOD,  
 23 from that day forward ! And the  
 heathen will also learn that for their  
 faults the House of Israel were trans-  
 ported. Consequently when they  
 deserted from Me I turned My face  
 from them, and delivered them to the  
 power of oppressors, and they all fell  
 24 before the sword, on account of the  
 corruption, and the sin they practised ;  
 —therefore I hid My face from them.  
 25 "Consequently," thus the MIGHTY  
 LORD declares, "I will restore the  
 Captivity of Jacob ; and have pity  
 upon all the House of Israel, and be  
 26 in earnest for MY HOLY NAME, and  
 remove their degradation, and all the  
 perversity with which they abandoned  
 Me,—when they dwelt in their own  
 country in safety and without fear,  
 27 —when I bring them back from the  
 Peoples, and collect them from the  
 countries of their enemies, and dis-  
 tinguish Myself in the sight of many  
 28 nations. Then they will learn that I  
 am their EVER-LIVING GOD, Who  
 transported them to the heathen ;—  
 but Who also will collect them into  
 their own land, and never abandon  
 them there again. Nor will I again  
 29 hide my face from them, when I have  
 poured out My spirit upon the House  
 of Israel," says the MIGHTY LORD.

### Ezekiel carried to Jerusalem in a Vision.

40 In the fifteenth year of our trans-  
 portation, on the tenth of the first  
 month of the year,—in the fourteenth

year after the city was captured,—on  
 that very day, the hand of the EVER-  
 LIVING came upon me, and brought  
 me there. I was brought in the 2  
 Divine Visions to the land of Israel,  
 and was stationed on a very high hill,  
 and opposite it, towards the south,  
 was a city as if being built. When 3  
 he brought me there I saw a man,  
 whose appearance was like the appear-  
 ance of brass, with a flaxen cord and  
 a measuring rod in his hand, who  
 stood at its gate. This man said to 4  
 me, "Son of Adam ! look with your  
 eyes, and listen with your ears, and  
 fix in your mind all that I show you,  
 because you have been brought for  
 the purpose of having them shown.  
 Therefore inform the House of Israel  
 of all that I show you."

I observed there was a wall around 5  
 outside the Temple.

But the man had a measuring rod  
 of six cubits and of a cubit and a  
 hand's breadth in his hand. That  
 was its length. And he measured the  
 entrance to the Temple, one rod, and  
 its height one. Then he went to the 6  
 gate which faced towards the East,  
 and ascended the stairs and measured  
 the threshold of the gate, one rod  
 wide. That is, each threshold was  
 one rod wide, with a lodge one rod 7  
 long, and one rod broad, and the  
 elevation of the lodges was five cubits ;  
 —and the platform of the gate at the  
 side porch of the gate opposite the  
 Temple, was one rod.<sup>1</sup>

Next he measured the porch of the 9  
 gate eight cubits, with its panels of  
 two cubits. This was the porch of  
 the gate opposite the Temple. And 10  
 the lodges at the East Gate were three  
 on this side and three on that side.  
 The three of equal measure, and each  
 of the porches the same size on each  
 side.

Then he measured the broadway of 11  
 the gate,—ten cubits wide, with an  
 incline of thirteen cubits up to the  
 gate, with a seat of one cubit on each 12  
 side before the lodges, and a seat of  
 one cubit at their sides. The lodges

<sup>1</sup> NOTE.—Ch. 40, v. 8—

(Then he measured the porch of the 8  
 gate opposite the Temple, one rod.)

This verse is not found in several Hebrew  
 MSS. It is probably a transcriber's blunder  
 in writing twice the opening of verse 9. I  
 therefore remove it to the page foot, to restore  
 the purity of the original text.—F. F.

- themselves were six cubits on this side, and six cubits on that side.
- 13 He next measured the gate from roof to roof of the lodges—a distance of twenty-five cubits from door to door.
- 14 Then he arranged a colonnade of sixty cubits;—with a colonnade all round the court of the gate. And at the front of the entrance gate up to the front of the Porch of the Inner Gate, was fifty cubits.
- 16 The lodges and porches had latticed windows with verandahs around the gates, as well as verandahs around the porches and windows. But there were palms over the porches.<sup>1</sup>
- 17 Then he brought me to the Outer Court. There I saw cloisters, and a worked tessellated pavement all over the court. There were thirty cloisters
- 18 in the court. And there was a tessellation at the sides of the gates,—the tessellation extended the whole breadth of the gates.
- 19 Then he measured the breadth from before the Tower Gate at the front of the court, with a verandah outside for one hundred cubits on the East, and North. He also measured length and breadth of the gate that faces to the north of the Outer Court, with its three lodges on each side, and its porches and cloisters were of the same size as at the first gate, fifty cubits long, and
- 22 twenty-five cubits broad. With the windows, and porches, and verandahs like the form of the gate that faces towards the East, with seven steps ascending to it, with a verandah over them.
- 23 There was also a gate to the Inner Court on the South, a gate to the North, and to the East, and he measured from gate to gate a hundred cubits.
- 24 Then he led me to the South, where I saw a gate towards the south, and he measured its porches and verandahs the same measure of the others, with their windows, surrounded by verandahs,—fifty cubits
- 26 long and twenty-five cubits broad, with stairs of seven steps, and verandahs over them with a Palm on each

side of the porch. And there was a gate to the Inner Court, towards the South, and he measured from gate to gate towards the South a hundred cubits.

Then he led me to the Inner Court, by the South Gate, and measured the South Gate, the same as the others, with its lodges, and porches, and verandahs, the same as them; and its windows with verandahs round them,—fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits broad. The verandah also around was twenty-five cubits long and five cubits broad; with a verandah towards the Outer Court, and Palms over the verandah, and eight steps ascending to it.

Next he brought me to the Inner Court towards the East, and measured the gate, the same size as the others, with its lodge, and porch, and verandah the same as them, and its windows with verandahs around,—fifty cubits long, and twenty-five cubits broad, with verandahs towards the Outer Court, and palms over the verandahs, on each side, and eight steps ascending to them.

Then he led me to the North Gate, and measured as he measured the others;—its lodge and porch, and verandah, and its windows around,—fifty cubits long, and twenty-five cubits broad, with its porch towards the Outer Court, on each side, and eight steps going up to it.

And near the porch of the gates there was a chamber fixed, at the side of the stairs, and near the porch of the gate were two tables on one side and two tables on the other side, upon which to slay the burnt-offerings, and sin-offerings, and trespass-offerings. And on the outside of the stairs at the entry of the North Gate, were two tables. And on the other side, where the verandah of the gate is, were two tables,—four tables here, and four tables there, at the side of the gate,—eight tables to slay upon

There were also four tables of cut stone for the burnt-offerings, of one-and-a-half cubits long, and one-and-a-half cubits broad, and their height one cubit, and the instruments with which they slaughtered the burnt-offerings were laid upon them. And shelves were fixed around the house of a hand breadth, but the flesh of the gifts was on the tables.

And outside the Inner Gate were

<sup>1</sup> NOTE.—Ch. 40, v. 16. "Palms over the porches." Were these "Palms" not similar to the "groined arches" of the Saracenic architecture, miscalled Gothic? I think so. —F. F.



the chambers of the singers. They were opposite the Inner Court, on the north side of the gate, and faced towards the South. One was at the side of the East Gate, facing towards the North. "And," he said to me, "this chamber that faces towards the South must be reserved for the priests of the Temple. The chamber also which faces towards the north must be reserved for the Sacrificing Priests, who are of the descendants of Zadok, who approach to officiate to the EVER-LIVING from amongst the descendants of Levi."

Then he measured that Court a hundred cubits long, and a hundred cubits wide, a square, with the altar in front of the Temple.

Next he brought me to the porch of the Temple, and measured each jamb of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that, and the width of the gate was three cubits on this side and three on that. The length of the colonnade was twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits. And they ascended to its verandah by stairs, and pillars supported one side of verandah and pillars the other.

Then he took me into the Temple, and measured the verandah six cubits wide on one side, and six cubits wide on the other. The breadth of the tabernacle, and the breadth of the entrance was ten cubits, with shoulders to the entrance of five cubits on one side and five on the other. The length he measured as forty cubits, and width as twenty cubits.

He then went inside and measured the two jambs,—a cubit; but the approach was six cubits, and the breadth of the entrance seven cubits. Next he measured the length of twenty cubits, and the breadth of twenty cubits facing towards the Temple, and said to me:—"This is most sacred."

He afterwards measured the panelings of the Temple of six cubits, with a breadth of wainscotting of four cubits, all round the interior. And the wainscotting was panel above panel by threes, and threes, repeated. But the panelling was laid close to the interior wall all round, so as to be supported by, but not be fastened to the wall of the Temple. So the panellings spread and encircled tier above tier:—for they clothed the Temple tier above tier

all round the interior,—consequently they spread over the interior by tiers, and so from the lowest went up to the higher, and to the summit. And I observed that the interior was enclosed from the foundations with wainscotting, for a height of a full rod of six cubits at the side. The breadth of the wall that was wainscotted was five cubits; and there the House walls were completed,—the remainder was for the Tabernacle.<sup>1</sup>

There was also an interval of twenty cubits wide all round between the House and the sleeping rooms. And through the wainscotting to give access there was a gangway towards the North, and an entrance towards the South, and a roadway left from the gangway of five cubits all round it, with a wall that faced the side lobby towards the west, of extent of seventy cubits, and the pathway of this wall was five cubits wide, and the length of its circuit ninety cubits.

Then he measured the Temple, as a hundred cubits long, with a lobby, and its enclosures, and its wall as a hundred cubits long. And the width of the front of the Temple towards the East, and the lobby with its enclosures, was a hundred cubits.

Then he measured the length of the enclosure, facing the lobby that is at the back of it, with galleries on each side, as a hundred cubits, and

<sup>1</sup> NOTE.—Ch. 41, vv. 1 to 9. This passage has puzzled all translators, from the Greek Septuagint to the Latin Vulgate, our own Old Version, the Revised one, and every other European one I have seen. My own effort to put consecutive meaning into it has rested upon abandoning the whole line of previous translators, and basing my own upon the Hebrew alone by the aid of the best Lexicographers, and my own practical knowledge of mechanics and structural facts. I

believe the error of reading the word, צלע (Tzila), as meaning "chamber," instead of "panel," "plank," or "wainscot," lies at the root of the utter nonsense all previous translators have made of this passage, which, as they render it, describes a physical and mechanical impossibility, especially in verses 5 to 7. But in addition to that blunder there is very strong reason to believe that some very early mistake of a transcriber has inextricably confused the Hebrew text of verse 9, in the last two clauses, unless my rendering of the last word לבית (L'beth) as "For the Tabernacle," instead of "To the House," is the correct one, as I am satisfied it is.—F. F.

the Inner Temple, and the porches of  
 16 the court, with the thresholds, and  
 latticed windows, and the surround-  
 ing galleries in three tiers around,  
 along with their platforms of smooth  
 wood, and from the ground to the  
 17 latticed windows. From the stairs  
 at the entrance to the Inner Temple,  
 he measured exactly both the roadway  
 and all the surrounding walls—both  
 18 of the Inner, and the Outer, which  
 were constructed of Kerubim and  
 Palms,—with a Palm between Kerub  
 and Kerub,—and each Kerub had  
 19 two faces, that is, the face of a man  
 towards the Palm on one side, and  
 the face of a lion towards the Palm  
 on the other side. They were fixed  
 all round the Temple.

20 The Kerubim and Palms were  
 stationed on the ground up to the  
 stairs of the entrance making an  
 21 enclosure to the Temple. There  
 were four doors to the Temple, and  
 the front of the sanctuary shone like  
 22 a mirror. There was an altar of  
 wood,—three cubits high, and its  
 length two cubits. There were also  
 cornices, shelves, and cupboards of  
 wood. "Here," he said to me,  
 "must be the table that is before the  
 EVER-LIVING."

23 There were double doors between  
 24 the Temple and the Sanctuary, with  
 two swinging leaves to the two doors,  
 —two leaves to one door, and two  
 25 leaves to the other door. And upon  
 the doors of the Temple were dep-  
 icted Kerubim and Palms, the same  
 as were formed on the walls, with a  
 wooden awning in front of the porches  
 26 on the outside, with latticed windows,  
 and Palms on each side, at the en-  
 trance of the porches,—the Temple  
 was also wainscotted with wood.

42 Then he took me out to the Outer  
 Court towards the North, and brought  
 me to the sleeping-rooms near the  
 lobby, and near which is the Northern  
 2 wall. The length of its front was a  
 hundred cubits at the North side, and  
 the width seventy cubits.

3 Upon the face the twenty that  
 belong to the Inner Court, and over  
 the pavement of the Outer Court,  
 were three repetitions of gallery above  
 4 gallery. And in front of the sleeping-  
 rooms was a walk of ten cubits wide  
 for the gangways,—a walk of a  
 hundred cubits, and their doors were  
 5 northward. The upper sleeping-  
 rooms were narrower, for the galleries

diminished them more than the  
 lower and middle stories, for they 6  
 were in three stories, and were not  
 upon columns, like the columns of  
 the courts, consequently they were  
 narrower than the middle, and lower  
 ones on the ground.

But there was another screen 7  
 opposite the sleeping-rooms, towards  
 the Outer Court, in front of the  
 dormitories of fifty cubits long, for 8  
 the length of the dormitories of the  
 Outer Court was fifty cubits, and  
 they were a hundred cubits in front  
 of the Temple. And beneath these 9  
 chambers was the passage from the  
 East as an entry to them from the  
 Outer Court, in the extent of the 10  
 enclosure of the court, towards the  
 East, opposite the lobby, and opposite  
 the building were the sleeping-  
 rooms; and the walk in front of 11  
 them was similar to the chambers  
 which are to the North;—they were  
 the same length and breadth; with  
 all their passages and arrangements,  
 and entrances. And the entrances 12  
 of the chambers that were towards  
 the South opened at the top of  
 the walk, opposite the fence along- 13  
 side the gangway of the east walk.  
 And he said to me, "The Northern  
 rooms and the Southern rooms  
 that face the lobby, they are the re-  
 served dormitories, where the priests  
 who approach the EVER-LIVING  
 shall eat the most sacred things.  
 They shall store the most sacred  
 things there,—the food-offerings, and  
 the sin and trespass offerings,—for  
 that part is sacred. When the priests 14  
 arrive, they must not go to the Outer  
 Court and place the robes in which  
 they minister, there, for they are  
 sacred,—but put on their other robes  
 when they approach the People."

Then when he had completed the 15  
 measurements of the Temple in the  
 Inner Courts, he led me out by way  
 of the gate that faces towards the  
 East, and measured round it. He 16  
 measured towards the East wind with  
 his measuring rod, five hundred rods,  
 by measuring rod length. He mea- 17  
 sured towards the North wind five  
 hundred rods, by the measuring rod  
 length; he measured towards the 18  
 South wind five hundred rods, by the  
 measuring rod length; he measured 19  
 to the West wind five hundred rods,  
 by the measuring rod; he measured 20  
 to the four winds for a wall five

hundred long, and five hundred broad, to encircle the Temple, to divide the Holy from the Defiled.

43 He then brought me to the gate,—  
to the gate facing towards the east,—  
2 and I saw the GLORIOUS GOD of  
Israel come from the way of the East,  
with a sound like the sound of many  
waters, and the earth was enlightened  
3 by His splendour. And the appear-  
ance of the vision that I saw was like  
the appearance which I saw when I  
came to the destruction of the city,  
and visions like the appearance that  
I saw by the Great River;—and I fell  
4 on my face. But the GLORIOUS LIFE  
came to the Temple by way of the  
gate that faces towards the East,  
5 and the wind lifted me up and  
brought me to the Inner Court, and  
I saw the House full of the Splendour  
6 of the LIFE. Then I heard from the  
Temple an address to myself, and a  
7 MAN came and stood beside me, and  
said to me:—

“Son of Adam! The place for  
My Throne, and the place for the  
soles of My feet, where I will stay  
amongst the children of Israel for  
ever! For the House of Israel will  
not again degrade My HOLY NAME:  
—they and their kings,—by their  
whoredoms, and the carcasses of their  
8 kings when dead; by placing their  
threshold by My threshold, and their  
doors by My doors, with only a wall  
between Me and them;—by which  
they degraded MY HOLY NAME, by  
the depravities which they practised,  
—therefore I consumed them in My  
9 anger. Now let them remove far  
from Me their fornications, and the  
carcasses of their kings, and I will  
stay amongst them for ever.

10 “You, Son of Adam, inform the  
House of Israel about this Temple,  
and let them be ashamed of their  
vices, and let them restore its beauties.  
11 And if they are ashamed of all they  
have done,—pourtray the Temple,  
and its form, and exits and entrances,  
and shape, and let them know its  
arrangements, and ordinances, and  
draw them for their observation, and  
let them preserve all its plans, and  
all its arrangements, and use.

12 “The foundations of the Temple  
shall be the top of this hill; all round  
its circumference, is sacred—these  
13 are the foundations. And these are  
the measurements of the Altar by  
cubits, of a cubit and a hand breadth;

—the breast a cubit, and a cubit the  
breadth, with a border around of  
seven inches,—and the back of the  
Altar the same. And from the 14  
breast of the ground, to the lower  
landing,—two cubits; and the width  
one cubit; and from the lesser land-  
ing to the larger landing,—four  
cubits; and the breadth a cubit; and 15  
the hearth four cubits, with four  
horns rising up from the hearth; but 16  
the hearth shall be twelve long by  
twelve broad,—a self-contained  
square. And the landing shall be 17  
fourteen long, by fourteen broad, a  
perfect square;—with a border  
around it of half a cubit, with a  
breastwork of a cubit around it, with  
a staircase facing the East.”

Then he said to me, “Son of 18  
Adam! Thus says the MIGHTY  
LORD! These are the instructions  
for the Altar, when they make it, to  
offer burnt-offerings upon, and  
sprinkle blood upon.

“You shall provide for the priests 19  
of the Levites, who are of the family  
of Zadok, who approach to Me,” says  
the MIGHTY LORD, “to offer to Me a  
bullock from the fold for consecra-  
tion, and he shall take some of its 20  
blood and put upon the four horns,  
and upon the four faces of the land-  
ings, and upon the surrounding  
enclosure and consecration, and  
consecrate it, and expiate for it.  
Then you shall take the consecrating 21  
bull and burn it in the precincts of  
the Temple, outside the Sanctuary.  
And on the second day, you shall 22  
offer a perfect he-goat for consecra-  
tion, and consecrate the altar, as  
they consecrated with the bullock.

“When you have completed the 23  
consecration, offer a perfect bullock  
from the fold, and a perfect ram from  
the flock. Present them before the 24  
EVER-LIVING;—when the priest  
shall scatter salt upon them, and  
offer them as a burnt-offering to the  
EVER-LIVING. Do this for seven 25  
days,—consecrate a goat daily, and a  
bullock from the fold, and a ram  
from the flock, offer daily for seven 26  
days, and expiate for the Altar, and  
purify it,—and fill its hands. When 27  
these days are completed, then upon  
the eighth day and forwards, let the  
priests offer upon the Altar the  
burnt-offerings, and the peace-offer-  
ings, and I will accept you,” says  
the MIGHTY LORD.

44 He then returned with me to the  
 2 Outer Gate of the Sanctuary facing  
 the east,—but it was shut! The  
 LORD said to me, "This gate shall  
 be shut! It shall not be opened, and  
 no one shall enter by it,—for the  
 EVER-LIVING, the GOD of Israel, has  
 entered by it;—therefore it shall be  
 3 shut. The Prince of Princes shall  
 sit in it to eat bread before the EVER-  
 LIVING. He can enter by the path  
 of the porch gate, and go out by the  
 same path!"

4 He afterwards took me to the North  
 Gate in front of the Temple, when I  
 looked and saw the Temple full of  
 the splendour of the LIFE,—and in-  
 5 clined my face downwards,—when the  
 LORD said to me:—

"Son of Adam! fix your heart, and  
 observe with your eyes, and listen  
 with your ears to all that I may say  
 to you;—to all the rules of the EVER-  
 LIVING'S Temple, and to all its forms,  
 and fix in your mind the passages of  
 the structure, and all the gangways  
 6 of the Sanctuary, and tell the rebels  
 of the House of Israel, Thus says  
 the MIGHTY LORD:—You have added  
 to yourselves, beyond all your de-  
 7 pravities, House of Israel, the bring-  
 ing in of foreigners of filthy mind,  
 and filthy body, to reside in My Sanc-  
 tuary, to defile My Temple! and you  
 allow them to present My bread, and  
 fat, and blood, and break My Cove-  
 8 nant by all your depravities. You have  
 also not guarded My Sacred Trusts,—  
 but have appointed Guardians of My  
 Trusts from yourselves in My Sanc-  
 tuary!"

9 Thus says the MIGHTY LORD,  
 "Any son of a foreigner of filthy  
 mind, and filthy body, shall not enter  
 My Sanctuary; or any son of a  
 foreigner who resides amongst the  
 10 Children of Israel;—for even the  
 Levites who deserted from Me, in the  
 desertion of Israel, when they deserted  
 from Me to follow idols,—they shall  
 11 bear their crime. They may, how-  
 ever, be appointed guards at the gates  
 of My Sanctuary,—as guards of the  
 gates of the Temple, and guards of  
 the Temple. They may not, however,  
 slay the burnt-offerings, and sacrifices  
 for the People, or stand before them  
 12 to administer, because they adminis-  
 tered for them before the idols, and  
 were a cause of sin to the House of  
 Israel,—therefore I have lifted up My  
 hand against them," the MIGHTY

LORD declared, "and they shall bear  
 their punishment, and not approach 13  
 as priests to me, or approach to any  
 of the sacred matters of the Holy of  
 Holies,—but shall suffer for the shame  
 and depravity they have practised.  
 But I permit them to guard the trusts 14  
 of the Temple; in any of its services,  
 or anything that is done for it.

"But the Levitical priests, the 15  
 descendants of Zadok, who guarded  
 the Trusts of the Sanctuary when  
 the Children of Israel deserted from  
 Me, they shall approach to Me to  
 administer, and stand before Me to  
 present the fat and the blood," the  
 MIGHTY LORD said, "but when they 16  
 arrive at the gates of the Inner Court  
 they must clothe in linen clothing, 17  
 and no woollen must be on them,  
 whilst they officiate in the Inner  
 Court and the Temple. They must 18  
 wear linen turbans on their heads,  
 and linen trousers on their loins.  
 They shall not gird themselves in  
 sweat. And when they proceed to 19  
 the Outer Court,—to the Outer Court  
 of the People,—they shall put off  
 their official robes, and place them  
 in the Sacred Vestry, and clothe in  
 other robes, that they may not be  
 worshipped by the People because of  
 their robes.

"They must not shave their heads, 20  
 and shall not cultivate curls,—they  
 must keep their heads tidy.

"Nor may any priest drink wine 21  
 when going into the Inner Court.

"Nor may they marry widows, 22  
 or divorced women as their wives,  
 but only a maiden of the race of the  
 House of Israel, or marry a widow  
 who is the widow of a priest.

"They must also instruct My 23  
 People in the difference between  
 Holiness and Defilement,—and be-  
 tween Corruption and Purity. And 24  
 in a dispute they shall stand to de-  
 cide by My Decrees, and decide it by  
 My Decrees, and My Laws, and In-  
 stitutions, in every Court they hold,  
 and they must respect My Appoint-  
 ments.

"And they shall not go and pollute 25  
 themselves for the death of a man,  
 but for a father or mother, or son, or  
 daughter, or brother or sister who  
 has not a husband they may pollute  
 themselves. After it, however, they 26  
 must seclude themselves for seven  
 days. Then on the day he enters 27  
 into the Inner Court to officiate in

the Sanctuary, he shall offer for his own pollution." the MIGHTY LORD commands.

- 28 "They shall, however, have an endowment,—I will be their endowment,—so a holding shall not be given to them in Israel,—I will be their holding. They shall eat the food-offerings, and the sin-offerings, and trespass-offerings, and everything dedicated in Israel shall be theirs; 29 with the first product of all cattle of all kinds, and every offering of all kinds,—from all of your offerings of every kind there shall be made offerings to the priests. You must also give the first fruits of your grain to the priests, to bring a blessing upon 31 your house. The priests may not eat of any dead carcase, or what has been torn by bird or beast.
- 45 "And when you allot the country into estates, you must give to the EVER-LIVING as a sanctification from the country,—a length of twenty-five thousand rods long, and ten<sup>1</sup> thousand broad,—which shall be sacred all 2 around its borders. From this there shall be taken for the Sanctuary a surface of five hundred by five hundred, with fifty cubits round it 3 for a suburb. So by this measurement, measure a length of twenty-five thousand, and a breadth of ten thousand, and the Holiest Sanctuary shall be in it. It shall be dedicated 4 by the country to the priests who officiate in the Sanctuary of the EVER-LIVING, and shall be a place for their homes, and be most sacred.
- 5 And twenty-five thousand rods long and ten thousand broad shall be assigned for the Levites who officiate in the Temple, for them to hold as 6 twenty residential towns. And give as township holdings five thousand broad, and twenty-five thousand long; it must be alongside that consecrated by the Parliament of the House of Israel.
- 7 "And assign to the Prince, on each side of the consecrated endowment, and of the township holdings, on each side, at the front of the consecrated endowment, and at the front

1 NOTE.—Ch. 45, v. 1. "Ten." Some readings have "twenty" thousand, which is probably the correct one, the "ten" being copied by the omission of two letters representing the plural, *i.e.*, ת in Hebrew—"im," the double of ten.—F. F.

of the township holdings,—on the western side, westwards, and on the eastern side, eastwards, and along each side of the estates,—from the western boundary to the eastern boundary. That land shall be his 8 estate in Israel, so that the princes may no more oppress My People, but they shall assign the country to the House of Israel by their tribes.

"Princes of Israel," says the 9 MIGHTY LORD, "let this be enough for you! Reject oppression and violence; and practise the just and the right! Remove your confiscations from My People," says the MIGHTY LORD. "Let there be right 10 scales, and right ephah, and a right bath; let the ephah and the bath be 11 proportionate;—the bath to carry the tenth of a homer,—and the ephah the tenth of a homer. Let the homer itself be the standard.

"And the shekel shall be twenty 12 grains. Your Manah shall be twenty-five shekels, and twenty shekels, and five shekels.<sup>1</sup>

"And this is the taxation which shall 13 be imposed. The sixth of an ephah from the homer of wheat, and the sixth of an ephah from the homer of barley.

"And the proportion from a bath of 14 oil;—the tenth of a bath from a cor, —of ten baths, that is a homer,—because the baths are a homer.

"And one lamb out of a flock of two 15 hundred, from the water meadows of Israel, for food-offerings, and burnt-offerings, and thank-offerings, to expiate for them," the MIGHTY LORD commands.

"All the population of the country 16 shall be subject to this taxation to the Prince of Israel. And it shall 17 be incumbent upon the Prince to provide the burnt-offerings, and thank-offerings, and drink-offerings, at the Festivals, and months, and on the Sabbaths; and at all the Assemblies of the House of Israel he shall provide the sin-offerings, and the food-offerings, and the thank-offerings

1 NOTE.—Ch. 45, v. 12. Equal to fifty shekels, which were the accurate Manah (about 5*l.* 14*s.*). The ordinary reading of the passage makes the enumeration 55 shekels—twenty and five shekels, and twenty shekels, and ten and five shekels=55 shekels—but this is a manifest error of some ancient Hebrew transcriber in writing the last "ten," by a slip of eye or memory.—F. F.

to expiate for the Parliament of the House of Israel."

18 The MIGHTY LORD commands thus: "On the first of the first month you shall provide a perfect bullock from the fold, and purify the Sanctuary. And the Priest shall take some of the blood and put upon the door-posts of the Temple, and the four corners of the landing of the altar, and upon the posts of the gates of the Inner Court, and do the same on the seventh of the month for general faults or errors, and expiate for them in the Temple.

21 "At the beginning of the fourteenth day of the month, you shall prepare yourselves for the Feast of the Passover for seven days, by eating unfermented bread. And the Prince shall provide on that day, on account of himself, and on account of the People of the country, a bullock for a sin-offering. He shall also provide, during the seven days of the feast, as a burnt-offering to the LORD, seven perfect bullocks, and seven rams, a day, for seven days, and as a sin-offering a he-goat daily, and as food-offering, he shall also provide an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and a hin of oil with the ephah.

25 "In the seventh month on the fifteenth day, he shall provide the same for seven days,—similar sin-offerings, similar burnt-offerings, and similar food-offerings,—with similar oil."

46 The MIGHTY LORD said also, "The gate of the Inner Court facing the east shall be closed for six working days,—but upon the Day of Rest it shall be opened, and upon the day of new moon. Then the Prince shall come towards the porch outside the gate, and stand before the doors of the gate, while the priest prepares his burnt-offering, and his thank-offering, and he shall bow at the threshold of the gate. He may afterwards enter,—and the gate shall not be shut until the evening. But the people of the country shall worship in the square of the same gate before the LORD on the Sabbaths, and new moons. And the burnt-offerings that the Prince shall present to the LORD on the Day of Rest, are six perfect lambs, and a perfect ram; with a food-offering of an ephah with the ram; and with the lambs, a food fixed by his own hand, and a hin of

oil. And on the day of new moon a perfect bullock from the fold, and six lambs, and a ram,—they must be perfect. He shall also provide an ephah with the bullock, and an ephah with the ram, as a food-offering; and with the lambs whatever his hand suggests, and a hin of oil to the ephah.

"And when the Prince arrives opposite the porch of the gate, he shall enter and leave by the same way. But when the people of the country come before the Lord of the Assemblies they must enter by the way of the North Gate to the services, going out by the way of the South Gate; but those arriving by way of the South Gate shall go out by way of the North Gate,—they must not return by way of the gate they entered, but depart by the opposite one. But the Princes shall enter, and as they depart, they shall depart by the same way.

"At the Festivals, however, and at the Assemblies, there shall be a food-offering of an ephah, with a bullock, and an ephah with a ram, and what his hand gives with the lambs, and a hin of oil with an ephah. But when the Prince makes a vow of a burnt-offering, or has vowed a thank-offering to the EVER-LIVING, you shall open the gate facing the east for him, and he shall provide the burnt-offering, or the thank-offerings, as he provides on the Sabbath day. Then he shall depart,—and close the gate after him at his departure.

"And he shall provide daily, as a burnt-offering to the EVER-LIVING, a perfect Lamb of a year old. It shall be provided morning by morning. And you shall provide with it, morning by morning, the sixth of an ephah and the third of a hin of oil to mix the fine flour of the food-offering to the EVER-LIVING, as a regular rule for ever. They shall thus provide the lamb and the food-offering, and the oil, morning by morning, as a regular burnt-offering."

The MIGHTY LORD also said, "If the Prince gives some of his inheritance as a gift to any one amongst his sons, it shall belong to his sons,—they shall hold it as an estate. But if he gives a gift from his property to one of his ministers, it shall only be his until the year of release, then return to the Prince, because his

estate is for his children, and shall come to them.

- 18 "The Prince, however, shall not seize any estate from the people, to deprive them of their property, but his children shall inherit his own property. Therefore he shall not tear away from My People their possessions."

### The Prophet shewn all the Courts of the New Temple.

- 19 He then took me through the passage at the side of the gate of the sleeping-rooms, reserved for the priests, facing the north, and I noticed there a space at the back, towards the West. He then said to me:—

"That is the place where the priests must boil the trespass and sin offerings; where they must bake the food-offering, without going to the Outer Court to inconvenience the people."

- 21 He next took me to the Outer Court, and went with me to the four corners of the Court, and I perceived a Court at each corner of the Court; 22 —and to the four corners of the Court, Courts were attached,—of forty long and thirty broad,—they were the same measure at each of the four 23 corners;—and there was a colonnade round them, with boilers fixed around 24 under the colonnade. Then he said to me, "In this boiler house the officials of the Temple shall boil the sacrifices of the people."

### Foretelling the Filling of the Dead Sea Dale with Water, and Jerusalem to become a Seaport.

- 47 Then he took me back into the entrance of the Temple and I perceived water issuing from under the entrance of the Temple, eastwards,—for the front of the Temple was towards the east,—and the waters descended from under the right side of the Temple, on the south of the altar.

- 2 Then he led me towards the North Gate, and took me round by the way outside the gate along the road that faces eastward, and I observed the waters trickling from the right side, 3 as the man went eastward with the line in his hand and measured a thousand cubits. Then he passed me through the waters,—the increasing 4 waters. He measured a thousand

again, and passed me through the waters,—waters up to the knees. Then he measured another thousand and passed me through water to the waist; again he measured a thousand 5 of a river that I could not pass through,—the waters had risen, to a swimming river that could not be forded!

He then asked me, "Son of man, 6 have you seen?" and brought me back to the bank of the river. On 7 my return I perceived a very great forest on both sides of the river, and he said to me, "These waters will 8 come out from Galilee<sup>1</sup> to flow towards the East, and will run down over the Burnt Desert, and arrive at the sea,—the Sea of the Corrupted<sup>2</sup>— and will purify that sea. And it will 9 become a perfect living life, which will be productive in all to whom it may come. There shall be two living rivers; and they shall have very many fish, when these waters have come there, for they will restore to health and life all who come there to the river.

"Fishermen also will be stationing 10 themselves beside it from Gedidi to Eglaim,—casting their nets. There will be very many fish of every kind, like the fish of the Great Sea.<sup>3</sup> But 11 its marshes and fens will not be rectified,—they will be abandoned to salt.

"And by the river up to its banks, 12 on both sides, every kind of fruit tree will spring up with unfading foliage, and unfailing fruit, produced monthly, for the waters proceed from the Sanctuary,—and the fruit will feed, and the foliage restore to health."

### Division of the Restored Empire of Israel decreed.

Thus says the MIGHTY LORD: 13 "You shall divide the country into

<sup>1</sup> NOTE.—Ch. 47, v. 8. Galilee." This is not the common translation, but is undoubtedly the meaning of the Hebrew גליל, Galilah.—F. F.

<sup>2</sup> Dead Sea.

<sup>3</sup> NOTE.—Ch. 47, v. 10. "The Great Sea." These words show that the Mediterranean and Dead Sea, and thence the Eastern Gulf of the Red Sea, the Gulf of Akabah, will be united by a canal. The late Capt. Cameron, R.N., made plans for it.—F. F.

estates, within these boundaries, to the twelve tribes of Israel.

"To Joseph two districts.

14 "And the others each equal to their brothers,—since I lifted up My hand to give it to your ancestors, you shall allot the country thus to yourselves by districts.

15 "And this shall be the boundary of the country on the Northern side :

16 "From the Great Sea towards Hathlon to the Pass of Zedai, Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which is between the border of Damask and the border of Ramath. Kazar-in-the-nook, on the Pass of Hamram. And the boundary farthest from the sea shall be Hazer-Amon upon the borders of Damascus to the north of the border of Hamath. That shall be the north boundary.

18 "And the Eastern side shall be from between Horan and Damask, and Gilad, with the Jordan between the land of Israel. Measure for the border to the east of the lake of the Kadmonites. That is the Eastern side.

19 "And South side, on the right hand, from Tamar to the dividing brook of Kadesh, that flows to the Great Sea. This is the right hand side to the south.

20 "And the West side shall be the Great Sea, from the border stretching to the Pass of Hamath. That is the West side.

21 "And you shall divide this country for yourselves amongst the tribes of Israel. And you shall divide it into districts for yourselves by lot, and for the foreigners who reside amongst you, who have begotten children amongst you, for they shall be the same as the natives of the sons of Israel. They shall be allotted properties amongst the tribes of Israel, and in the tribe where the foreigner resides his estate shall be given." The MIGHTY LORD commands this.

48 "Now this is the muster-roll of the tribes.

"From the north end at the side of the Hethlon Road, to the Pass of Hamath, at Kazar-amon on the border of Damascus northward towards the side of Hamath,—they shall face east and west.

"Dan first; and the border of Dan shall face east and west. Dan one.

2 "And on the border of Dan, facing east and west,—Ashur one.

"And on the border of Ashur, facing east and west,—Naphthali one.

"And on the border of Naphthali, facing east and west,—Manasseh one.

"And on the border of Manasseh, facing east and west,—Ephraim one.

"And on the border of Ephraim, facing east and west,—Reuben one.

"And on the border of Reuben, facing east and west,—Judah one.

"And on the border of Judah, facing east and west, there shall be the Grant which you must grant of twenty-five thousand rods broad, and the length the same as the portion from east to west,—and the Sanctuary shall be the centre, of the Grant that you grant to the EVER-LIVING of twenty-five thousand long and ten thousand broad.

"And alongside this shall be the Sacred Grant for the priests. On the north twenty-five thousand reeds long. On the west ten thousand broad. And on the east ten thousand, and on the south twenty-five thousand long. And it shall be consecrated to the EVER-LIVING amongst you, for the consecrated priests of the descendants of Zadok, who guarded My Trusts,—who did not revolt to the depravities of the children of Israel, when the Levites revolted. Consequently the boundaries of the Grant, granted from the land, shall be most sacred to you.

"And alongside the borders of the priests, there shall be for the Levites twenty-five thousand reeds long, and ten thousand broad,—all the length shall be twenty-five thousand, and the breadth ten thousand, and they shall not sell it from themselves, nor exchange nor transfer the first fruits of the land, for it is consecrated to the EVER-LIVING.

"And five thousand reeds in breadth shall be left in the front of the twenty-five thousand. It shall be as common to build villages, and for pasture, and with a town in the centre, whose measurements shall be these. The north face four thousand five hundred; and the south face four thousand five hundred, and the eastern face four thousand five hundred, and the western face four thousand five hundred. There shall also be suburbs for the town towards the north two hundred and fifty,—and on the south two hundred and fifty,—and on the east two hundred and



- fifty,—and on the west two hundred  
 18 and fifty. And the remainder of the  
 length, alongside the consecrated  
 Grant of two thousand eastward and  
 ten thousand westward, that is con-  
 nected with the consecrated Grant,  
 its products shall be for the police  
 19 expenses of the city, and the police of  
 the city from all the tribes of Israel  
 20 shall cultivate it. The whole that is  
 consecrated shall be a square of  
 twenty-five thousand by twenty-five  
 thousand. You shall assign the  
 Sacred Grants with the holdings  
 for the city.
- 21 "And the portion for the Prince  
 shall be on each side of the Sacred  
 Grant, and of the holdings for the  
 city, on the front of the Grant of  
 twenty-five thousand from the eastern  
 border, and on the opposite western  
 face, twenty-five thousand adjoining  
 the Grant for the Prince, shall be the  
 sacred offering, and the Sanctuary of  
 the Temple shall be in its centre.
- 22 However, the holdings of the Levites  
 and the holdings for the city shall be  
 in the centre of what belongs to the  
 Prince,—what is between the borders  
 of Judah and the borders of Benjamin  
 shall also belong to the Prince.
- 23 "And for the rest of the tribes,  
 facing from east to west,—Benjamin  
 one.
- 24 "And on the border of Benjamin,  
 facing east to west,—Simeon one.
- 25 "And on the border of Simeon,  
 facing east to west,—Issakar one.
- 26 "And on the border of Issakar,  
 facing east to west,—Zebulon one.
- 27 "And on the border of Zebulon,  
 facing east and west,—Gad one.

"And on the border of Gad, on the 28  
 south,—towards the right hand,—the  
 border shall be from Thamar on the  
 brook dividing the vale of Kadish to  
 the Great Sea.

"This is the country you shall 29  
 divide into districts for the tribes of  
 Israel,—and these are their portions,"  
 said the MIGHTY LORD.

"And these shall be the dimensions 30  
 of the city:—

"The north side,—an extent of four  
 thousand five hundred, with gates to 31  
 the city, bearing the names of the  
 tribes of Israel.

"Three gates on the North,—the  
 Gate of Reuben, one; the Gate of  
 Judah, one; the Gate of Levi,  
 one.

"And the Eastern face, four 32  
 thousand five hundred, with three  
 gates; the Gate of Joseph, one; the  
 Gate of Benjamin, one; the Gate of  
 Dan, one.

"And the Southern face, four 33  
 thousand five hundred; in extent,  
 with three gates;—the Gate of  
 Simeon, one; the Gate of Issakar,  
 one; the Gate of Zebulon, one.

"The Western face, four thousand 34  
 five hundred, with its three gates;  
 the Gate of Gad, one; the Gate of  
 Ashur, one; the Gate of Naphthali,  
 one.

"It will thus be eighteen thousand 35  
 in circuit,—and from that day the  
 name of the city, 'THE LORD'S  
 Home.'"<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> In Hebrew, "Jehovah-Shamah."

END OF THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET EZEKIEL.