Hold On and Wait

Have you ever heard "My patience is wearing thin," this is exactly what is happening to the chosen people of Yahweh!

When we arrived and awakened from the womb of our mothers, our lives were immediately in a state of oppression and slavery. This condition continues to exist today, whether or not we will admit it or are aware of it! Look at the following scripture:

Ecclesiastes 4

So I returned, and considered all the **oppressions** that are done under the sun: and behold the tears of such as were oppressed, <u>and they had</u> <u>no comforter</u>; and on the side of their oppressors there was power; but they <u>had no comforter</u>. Wherefore I praised the dead which are already dead more than the living which are yet alive. Yea, better is he than both they, which has not yet been, who has not seen the evil work that is done under the sun. ...

<u>Job 35:9</u>

By reason of the multitude of **oppression**s they make the oppressed to cry: they cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty.

Psalm 12:5 KJV

For the **oppression** of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, says Yah; I will set him in safety from him that puffed at him.

<u>CSB</u>

"Because of the devastation of the needy and the groaning of the poor, I will now rise up," says Yah. "I will provide safety for the one who longs for it."

<u>ERV</u>......They took advantage of the poor and stole what little they had. But Yah knows what they did, and he says, "I will rescue those who are poor and helpless, and I will punish those who hurt them."

<u>CEV</u>

Don't be surprised if the poor of your country are abused, and injustice takes the place of justice. After all, the lower officials must do what the higher ones order them to do.

Ecclesiastes 7:7

Surely **oppress**ion makes a wise man **mad**; and a gift destroys the heart.

<u>EXB</u>

Even wise people are fools if they let \cdot money change their thinking [^L a bribe distort their understanding].

We have heard it said and preached to us for years about how things are going to change, but an increasingly large amount of Yah's people are distressed and without hope because of living conditions. Things are so bad that some of us have turned back to other gods or beliefs, and no longer look to Yahweh for deliverance.

We have been told that which has been written for centuries; we are looking for a savior in common men or women, or from people whom we thought or choose as a Messiah!

Have we forgot that Yah is to whom we are supposed to seek and return to; have we forgot that Yah of Hosts sent us delivers when we turned back to Him and **cried out**?

Hosea 13:4

Yet I am Yah your God from the land of Egypt, and you shall know no god but me: for there is no **saviour** beside me.

Isaiah 43:11

I, even I, am Yah; and beside me there is no **saviour**.

Isaiah 45:21

Tell you, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: who has declared this from ancient time? who has told it from that time? have not I Yah? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a **Saviour**; there is none beside me.

Isaiah 45:15

Verily you are a God that hides yourself, O God of Israel, the **Saviour**.

Hosea 5:15 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁵ <u>I will go and return to my place</u>, <u>until they acknowledge their offence</u>, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.

What was the reason...... what caused Yah to temporarily abandon us to the works of our own hands?

Isaiah 59:2

But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, <u>and your sins have hid his face</u> from you, that he will not hear.

<u>CJB</u>

Rather, it is your own crimes that separate you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he doesn't hear.

<u>CEV</u>

Your sins are the roadblock between you and your God. That's why he doesn't answer your prayers or let you see <u>his face</u>. (*Exodus 33:17-23; face is the front of Yah's Glory/throne*)

<u>EXB</u>

It is your ·evil [iniquity] that has separated you from your God. Your sins cause him to ·turn away [^L hide his face] from you, so he does not hear you.

<u>MSG</u>

Look! Listen! Yah's arm is not amputated—<u>he can still save</u>. Yah's ears are not stopped up—he can still hear. There's nothing wrong with Yah; the wrong is in *you*. Your wrongheaded lives caused the split between you and Yah. Your sins got between you so that he doesn't hear. Your hands are drenched in blood, your fingers dripping with guilt, Your lips smeared with lies, your tongue swollen from muttering obscenities. No one speaks up for the right, no one deals fairly. They trust in illusion, they tell lies, they get pregnant with mischief and have sin-babies. They hatch snake eggs and weave spider webs. Eat an egg and die; break an egg and get a snake! The spider webs are no good for shirts or shawls. No one can wear these weavings! They weave wickedness, they hatch violence. **They compete in the race to do evil and run to be the first to murder**. They plan and plot evil, think and breathe evil, and leave a trail of wrecked lives behind them. They know nothing about peace and less than nothing about justice. They make tortuously twisted roads. No peace for the wretch who walks down those roads!

Psalm 106:21

They forgot Yah their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt;

Isaiah 43:3

For I am Yah your God, the Holy One of Israel, your **Saviour**: I gave Egypt for your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for you.

Isaiah 49:26

And I will feed them that oppress/tyrannize you with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their <u>own blood</u>, <u>as with sweet wine</u>: <u>and all flesh shall know that I Yah am</u> your **Saviour** and your Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

2 Samuel 22:3

The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn/power of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my **saviour**; you saved me from violence.

2 Kings 13:5

(And Yah gave Israel a **saviour**, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Israel dwelt/lived in their tents, <u>as beforetime</u>.

Nehemiah 9:27

Therefore you delivered them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto you, you heard them from heaven; and according to your manifold mercies you gave them saviours, who saved them out of the hand of their enemies.

So this is why we have been looking for someone, that Savior sent by the hand of Yah for the deliverance of our souls, bodies, and our children! Although we have weakened or lost faith, and some of us arrogantly talk against the words of Yah, we need to remind ourselves of this scripture:

Jeremiah 44:29

And this shall be a sign unto you, says Yah, that I **will** punish you in this place, that you may know that my **word**s shall surely **stand** against you for (*doing*) evil:

Ezekiel 25:8

This says **Yah** God; **Be**cause that Moab and Seir do say, **Be**hold, **the** house of Judah is **like** unto all **the heathen**; (Gentiles) *Genesis* 10th chapter

Ezekiel 20 Good News Translation (GNT)

Yah's Will and Human Defiance

¹ It was the tenth day of the fifth month of the seventh year of our exile. **Some of the leaders** of the Israelite community came to consult me (Authorized representative) about Yah's will, and they sat down in front of me. ² Then Yah spoke to me. ³ "Mortal man," he said, "speak to these leaders and tell them that the Sovereign Yah is saying: You have come to ask my will, have you? As surely as I am the living God, I will not let you ask me anything. I, the Sovereign Yah, have spoken.

⁴ "<u>Are you ready to pass sentence on them</u>, mortal man? Then do so. <u>Remind them of the disgusting things their ancestors did</u>. ⁵ Tell them what I am saying. When I chose Israel, I made them a promise. <u>I revealed myself to them in Egypt and told them</u>: I am Yah your God. ⁶ It was then that I promised to take them out of Egypt and lead them to a land I had chosen for them, a rich and fertile land, the finest land of all. ⁷ <u>I told them to throw away the disgusting idols they loved and not to make themselves unclean with the false gods of Egypt</u>, because I am Yah their God. ⁸ But they defied me and refused to listen. They did not

throw away their disgusting idols or give up the Egyptian gods. <u>I was ready to let them feel the</u> <u>full force of my anger there in Egypt/slavery</u>. ⁹ But I did not, since that would have brought <u>dishonor to my name</u>, <u>for in the presence of the people among whom they were living</u> I had announced to Israel that I was going to lead them out of Egypt.

¹⁰ "<u>And so I led them out of Egypt into the desert</u>. ¹¹ I gave them my commands and taught them my laws, <u>which bring life to anyone who obeys them</u>. ¹² <u>I made the keeping of the</u> <u>Sabbath a sign of the agreement between us</u>, <u>to remind them</u> that I, Yah, make them holy.

¹³ But even in the desert they defied me. They broke my laws and rejected my commands, which bring life to anyone who obeys them. **They completely profaned the Sabbath**. I was ready to let them feel the force of my anger there **in the desert** and to destroy them. ¹⁴ But I did not, since that would have brought <u>dishonor to my name among the nations</u> which had seen me lead Israel out of Egypt. ¹⁵ So I made a vow in the desert that I would not take them to the land I had given them, a rich and fertile land, the finest land of all. ¹⁶ <u>I made the vow because they had</u> rejected my commands, broken my laws, and profaned the Sabbath—they preferred to worship their idols.

¹⁷ "But then I took pity on them. I decided not to kill them there in the desert. ¹⁸ <u>Instead, I</u> warned the young people among them: <u>Do not keep the laws your ancestors made</u>; <u>do not</u> follow their customs or defile yourselves with their idols. ¹⁹ I am Yah your God. Obey my laws and my commands. ²⁰ <u>Make the Sabbath a holy day, so that it will be a sign of the</u> <u>Covenant we made, and will remind you that I am Yah your God</u>.

²¹ "<u>But that generation also defied me</u>. <u>They broke my laws</u> and did not keep my commands, which bring life to anyone who obeys them. They profaned the Sabbath. I was ready to let them feel the force of my anger there in the desert and to kill them all.

²² But I did not, since that would have brought dishonor to my name among the nations which had seen me bring Israel out of Egypt.

²³ So I made another vow in the desert. I vowed that I would scatter them all over the world. ²⁴ I did this because they had rejected my commands, broken my laws, profaned the Sabbath, and worshiped the same idols their ancestors had served.

²⁵ "Then I gave them laws that are not good and commands that do not bring life. ²⁶ I let them defile themselves with their own offerings, and I let them sacrifice their first-born sons. **This was to punish them and show them that I am Yah.**

²⁷ "Now then, mortal man, tell the Israelites what I, the Sovereign Yah, am saying to them. <u>This</u> is another way their ancestors insulted me by their unfaithfulness.

²⁸ I brought them to the land I had promised to give them. <u>When they saw the high hills and</u> <u>green trees</u>, they offered sacrifices at all of them. <u>They made me angry by the sacrifices they</u>

burned and by the wine they brought as offerings.²⁹ I asked them: What are these high places where you go? So they have been called 'High Places'^[a] ever since.

³⁰Now tell the Israelites what I am saying: Why must you commit the same sins your ancestors did and go running after their idols?

³¹ Even today you offer the same gifts and defile yourselves with the same idols by sacrificing your children to them in the fire.

And then you Israelites still come to ask what my will is! As surely as I, the Sovereign Yah, am the living God, I will not let you ask me anything.

³² You have made up your minds that you want to be like the other nations, like the people who live in other countries and worship trees and rocks. But that will never be.

<u>King James Version</u> 32 And that which comes into your mind shall not be at all, that you say, We will be as the heathen, as the families of the countries, to serve wood (Christianity) and stone (Islam).

Yah Punishes and Forgives

³³ "As surely as I, the Sovereign Yah, am the living God, <u>I warn you that in my anger I will</u> rule over you with a strong hand, with all my power.³⁴ I will show you my power and my anger when I gather you together and bring you back from all the countries where you have been scattered.

³⁵ I will bring you into the 'Desert of the Nations,' and there I will condemn you to your face. ³⁶ I will now condemn you just as I condemned your ancestors in the Sinai Desert," says the Sovereign Yah.

³⁷ <u>"I will take firm control of you and make you obey my covenant.</u> ³⁸ <u>I will</u> take away from among you those who are rebellious and sinful. I will take them out of the lands where they are living now, but I will not let them return to the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am Yah."

³⁹ The Sovereign Yah says, "And now, all you Israelites, suit yourselves! Go on and serve your idols! But I warn you that after this you will have to obey me and stop dishonoring my holy name by offering gifts to your idols.

⁴⁰ There in the land, on my holy mountain,^[b] the high mountain of Israel, all you people of Israel will worship me. I will be pleased with you and will expect you to bring me your sacrifices, your best offerings, and your holy gifts.

⁴¹ <u>After I bring you out of the countries where you have been scattered and gather you together, I will accept the sacrifices that you burn, and the nations will see that I am holy</u>.

⁴² When I bring you back to Israel, the land that I promised I would give to your ancestors, then you will know that I am Yah. ⁴³ Then you will remember all the disgraceful things you did and how you defiled yourselves. You will be disgusted with yourselves because of all the evil things you did. ⁴⁴ When I act to protect my honor, you Israelites will know that I am Yah, because I do not deal with you as your wicked, evil actions deserve." The Sovereign Yah has spoken.

Fire in the South

⁴⁵ Yah spoke to me. ⁴⁶ "Mortal man," he said, "look toward the south. Speak against the south and prophesy against the forest of the south. ⁴⁷ Tell the southern forest to hear what the Sovereign Yah is saying: Look! I am starting **a fire**, and it will **burn up** every tree in you, whether green or dry. Nothing will be able to put it out. It will spread from south to north, and **everyone will feel the heat of the flames**. ⁴⁸ They will all see that I, Yah, <u>set it on fire</u> and that no one can put it out."

⁴⁹ But I protested, "Sovereign Yah, don't make me do it! Everyone is already complaining that I always speak in riddles."

Footnotes:

- 1. <u>Ezekiel 20:29</u> Pagan places of worship which the Hebrews were forbidden to use. The Hebrew word translated "High Places" sounds like the Hebrew for "where you go."
- 2. <u>Ezekiel 20:40</u> Mount Zion, the hill in Jerusalem which formed part of the Temple and palace area.

<u>So maybe today you are among those</u> that are saying that I'm going through it, the pressure is too great, it must be the time of Jacob's trouble! Maybe you even feel it is not fair to be going thru this, but remember... Like it or not, our forefathers were warned not to cross/turn away from Yah in *Deuteronomy 28th chapter*; but they did.

Also our people have been tested by Yah to see what kind of heart/mind we had, and to see if when things got bad what we would do.

I am reminded how the same Lucifer that fell from heaven attacked a righteous man name Job, do you remember; could you pass the same test?

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Job 1 King James Version (KJV)

¹ There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared Yah, and eschewed (avoided) evil.

² And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters.

³ His substance also was <u>seven thousand sheep</u>, and <u>three thousand camels</u>, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.

⁴ And his sons went and feasted in their houses, every-one his day; and sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. (*They loved to party*)

⁵ And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, <u>that Job sent and sanctified</u> <u>them</u>, <u>and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings</u> according to the number of them all: for Job said, <u>It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed Yah in their hearts</u>. This did Job continually.

⁶ Now there was a day when the sons of Yah came to present themselves before Yah, and Satan came also among them.

⁷ And Yah said unto Satan, Whence (*where you coming from*) come you? Then Satan answered Yah, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

⁸ And Yah said unto Satan, Have you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that fears Yah, and eschews (*avoids*) evil?

⁹ Then Satan answered Yah, and said, Does Job fear Yah for nought?

**** Note what Satan/Lucifer is saying to Yah; Does Job your servant serve you only because things are going good for him? ****

¹⁰ Have not you made an <u>hedge</u> about him, and about his house, and about all that he has on every side? you have blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

¹¹ But put forth your hand now, and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face.

**** Pay attention to the trick Satan/Lucifer is trying to play on Yah ****

¹² And Yah said unto Satan, Behold, all that he has <u>is in your power</u>; only upon himself put not forth your hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of Yah.

¹³ And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

¹⁴ And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them:

¹⁵ And the <u>Sabeans</u> fell upon them, and took them away; yes, they have killed/slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell you.

¹⁶ While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, <u>The fire</u> of Yah is fallen from heaven, and has burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell you. *** Remember that Yah told Satan "all that (Job) he has is in your power"

So look at the things Satan controls in order to come against a servant of Yah!

¹⁷ While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, <u>**The Chaldeans**</u> made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yes, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell you.

¹⁸ While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:

¹⁹ And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell you. (*What did Job do... Would you do the same after hearing that all your children are dead* ?

²⁰ Then Job arose, and rent/torn his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped,

²¹ And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there: Yah gave, and Yah have taken away; blessed be the name of Yah.

²² In all this Job sinned not, nor charged Yah foolishly.

Did you notice how many reports of bad news that Job received, but it was not over!

Job 2 King James Version (KJV)

1 <u>Again there was a day</u> when the sons of Yah (Possibly Angels) came to present themselves before Yah, and Satan came also among them to present himself before Yah.

² And Yah said unto Satan, From whence come you? And Satan answered Yah, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

³ And Yah said unto Satan, Hast you considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that fears God, and eschews (avoids) evil? and still he holds fast his integrity, **although you moved me against him, to destroy him without cause**.

⁴ And Satan answered Yah, and said, <u>Skin for skin</u>, yes, all that a man have will he give for his life.

⁵ But put forth your hand now, and touch his **bone** and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.

⁶ And Yah said unto Satan, Behold, he is in your hand; <u>but save his life</u>.

⁷ So went Satan forth from the presence of Yah, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.

⁸ And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes.

⁹ Then said <u>his wife</u> unto him, <u>do you still retain your integrity</u>? curse Yah, and die.

¹⁰ But he said unto her, you speak as one of the foolish women speaks. What? shall we receive good at the hand of Yah, and shall we not receive evil? <u>In all this did not Job sin with his lips</u>.

(You have to watch what you say)

¹¹ Now when <u>Job's three friends</u> heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him.

¹² And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, <u>and knew him not</u>, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every-one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven.

¹³ So they sat down with him upon the ground <u>seven days and seven nights</u>, and none spoke a word unto him: for they saw that his grief was very great.

The test and challenge of Job continued, and eventually all Job had lost, wife, children, servants, his wealth, (As measured from Job's herds), his health, his family's home, and even his close friends and their ridicule and accusations that Job must have done something wrong! Job is restored by Yah after all that he went through! Job even had to pray for those same friends that falsely accused Job of sinning against Yah, because Yah's anger was hot against Job's 3 friends. Read all of the books of Job!

Added on 06/23/2018 read page 16 verse 14 again

There are times when we are going thru so much pain and suffering and seeing the wicked in a way that it appears that all they do is be blessed for the evil they do, that many of us might kind of go off and say what Job said in chapter 3 below:

Proverbs 24:19

Fret not yourself because of evil men, neither be you envious at the wicked:

<u>ERV</u>

Don't let those who are evil upset you, and don't be jealous of them.

Job 3 Expanded Bible (EXB)

Job Curses His Birth

1 •After seven days [•Afterward] Job •cried out [•opened his mouth] and
cursed the day he had been born [this day; <u>Jer. 20:14–18</u>], ² saying:
³ "Let the day I was born be destroyed,
and the night it was said, `A boy is ·born [-conceived]!'
^₄ Let that day turn to darkness [°contrast <u>Gen. 1:3</u>].
Don't let Yah ·care about [·seek] it.
Don't let light shine on it.
⁵ Let darkness and gloom ·have that day [·redeem it].
Let a cloud ·hide ['settle over] it.
Let thick darkness cover its light [overwhelm the day].
⁶ Let thick darkness capture that night.
Don't count it among the days of the year
or put it in any of the months.
'Let that night be ·empty [barren],
with no shout of joy \cdot to be heard [\cdot entering it].
[®] Let those who curse ·days [<i>or</i> the Sea; ^c a symbol of chaos] curse that
day [^c Balaam (<u>Num. 22-24</u>) is an example of a professional curser].
Let them prepare to wake up the sea monster Leviathan [ca creature in
ancient Near Eastern texts that represents chaos; <u>41:1</u> , <u>12</u> ; <u>Ps.</u>
<u>74:14; 104:26; Is. 27:1]</u> .
*Let that day's morning stars ·never appear [^L become dark];
let it \cdot wait [hope] for daylight that never comes.
Don't let it see the first light of dawn,
¹⁰ because it ·allowed me to be born [^L did not shut the doors of my (mother's)
womb]
and did not hide trouble from my eyes.
""Why didn't I die as soon as I \cdot was born [\cdot came out of the womb]?
Why didn't I die when I came out of the womb [belly; Eccl. 6:3-5]?

¹²Why did my mother's knees receive me,

and \cdot my mother's breasts feed me [\cdot why were there breasts that I could suck]?

¹³ If they had not been there,

- I would be **lying dead in peace**;
- I would be asleep and at rest
- ¹⁴ with kings and wise men of the earth

who built places for themselves that are now ruined.

¹⁵I would be asleep with rulers

who filled their houses with gold and silver.

¹⁶Why was I not ·buried [^Lhidden] like a ·child born dead [stillborn],

- like a baby who never saw the light of day?
- ¹⁷ In the grave the wicked ·stop making trouble [*or* cease their agitation], and the weary workers are at rest.
- ¹⁸ In the grave there is rest for the ·captives [prisoners]

who no longer hear the \cdot shout [\cdot voice] of the \cdot slave driver [taskmaster].

¹⁹People great and small are ·in the grave [^Lthere],

and the \cdot slave [servant] is freed from his master.

²⁰ "Why is light given to those in misery?

Why is life given to those who are .so unhappy [depressed]?

²¹ They want to die, but death does not come.

They search for death more than for hidden treasure.

²²They are very happy

[^Lthey celebrate] when they get to the grave.

²³ They cannot see where they are going.

Yah has \cdot hidden the road ahead [\cdot placed a hedge around him].

²⁴I ·make sad sounds [sigh] as I eat;

my groans pour out like water.

²⁵ · Everything I feared and dreaded has happened to me.

[or For the dread I dreaded has come to me,

and what I feared has come to me.]

²⁶ I have no peace or quietness.

I have no rest, only $\cdot trouble \ [agitation]."$

This much pressure/oppression can make you get besides yourself and maybe make you sin with the words that come out of your mouth; guard against it!

Job 38 Expanded Bible (EXB)

Yahweh Questions Job

1 Then Yah answered Job from the \cdot storm [whirlwind; <u>9:17</u>]. He said:
² "Who is this that makes my ·purpose [·counsel; advice] ·unclear [·dark]
·by saying things that are not true [-with ignorant words]?
³ · <u>Be strong</u> [Brace yourself; 'Gird your loins] like a man!
I will ask you questions, and you must ·answer [inform] me.
⁴ Where were you when I made the earth's foundation?
Tell me, if you understand.
⁵ Who marked off how big it should be [Lits measurements]? Surely you
know!
Who stretched a .ruler [line; surveyor's instrument] across it?
⁶ What were the earth's foundations ·set on [·sunk in],
or who put its cornerstone in place
⁷ while the morning stars sang together
and all the .angels [.sons of god] shouted with joy?
°"Who shut the doors to keep the sea in
when it broke through \cdot and was born [\cdot coming out of the womb],
*when I made the clouds like a coat for the sea
and \cdot wrapped [swaddled] it in dark clouds,
*when I ·put [prescribed] ·limits [boundaries] on the sea
and put its doors and bars in place,
¹¹ when I said to the sea, 'You may come this far, but no farther;
this is where your proud waves must stop'?
¹² "Have you ever ordered the morning to begin,
or ·shown [informed] the dawn where its place was
¹³ in order to ·take hold of [grasp] the earth by its edges [^c the horizon]
and shake evil people out of it [^c the light exposes the wicked]?
¹⁴ At dawn the earth changes like clay being pressed by a seal;
 •the hills and valleys [•They] stand out like •folds in a coat [•a garment]. 1^s Light is •not given to [held back from] evil people;
their arm is raised to do harm, but it is broken.

¹⁶"Have you ever gone to •where the sea begins [^Lthe sources of the sea] or walked in the \cdot valleys under the sea [\cdot depths of the deep]? ¹⁷ Have the gates of death been •opened [or revealed] to you? Have you seen the gates of the deep darkness? ¹⁸ Do you understand how wide the earth is? Tell me, if you know all these things. ""What is the path to light's home, and where does darkness live? ²⁰Can you take them to their places? Do you know the .way [path] to their homes? ²¹ Surely you know, if you were already born when all this happened! Have you lived that many years? ²² "Have you ever gone into the storehouse of the snow or seen the storehouses for hail, ²³which I save for times of trouble, for days of war and battle? ²⁴Where is the place from which light ·comes ['is distributed]? Where is the place from which the **east winds** ·blow [scatter] over the earth? ²⁵Who cuts a waterway for the heavy rains and sets a path for the thunderstorm? ²⁶ Who waters the land where no one lives, the .desert [wilderness] that has no one in it? ²⁷Who sends rain to satisfy the ·empty ['ruined and desolate] land so the grass begins to grow? ²⁸ Does the rain have a father? Who *is* father [*has* given birth] to the drops of dew? ²⁹•Who is the mother of the ice [From whose womb did the ice come out]? Who gives birth to the frost from the \cdot sky [heavens] ³⁰ when the water becomes hard as stone, and even the surface of the .ocean [deep] is frozen? ³¹ "Can you tie up the ·stars [•chains] of the Pleiades or ·loosen [open] the ·ropes of the stars in [·fetters of] Orion? ³²Can you bring out the stars [Mazzeroth; probably the name of a specific constellation] on time or lead out the stars of the Bear with its cubs?

³³ Do you know the laws of the .sky [heavens] and •understand [or set] their rule over the earth? ³⁴ "Can you ·shout an order [¹raise your voice] to the clouds •and [or so that you] cover yourself with a flood of water? ³⁵Can you send lightning bolts on their way? Do they come to you and say, 'Here we are'? (The Angels) ³⁶Who put wisdom ·inside the mind [or in the ibis; can animal associated with wisdom and representing Thoth, the Egyptian god of wisdom] or understanding \cdot in the heart [or to the rooster]? ³⁷Who has the wisdom to count the clouds? Who can .pour water from the jars [.tilt the wineskins] of the ·sky [heavens] ³⁸ when the dust becomes hard and the clumps of dirt stick together? ³⁹ "Do you hunt food for the lioness to satisfy the hunger of the young lions ⁴⁰ while they ·lie [crouch] in their dens or hide in the bushes waiting to attack? ⁴¹Who gives food to the ·birds ['raven] when their young cry out to Yah and wander about without food?

Job 40 Expanded Bible (EXB)

1 Yah answered and said to Job:

² "Will the person who ·argues [contends] with the Almighty correct him? Let the person who ·accuses [reproves] Yah answer him."

³ Then Job answered Yah:

⁴ "I am ·not worthy [small]; I cannot answer you anything, so I will put my hand over my mouth [^C to indicate no more talking].
⁵ I spoke one time, but I will not answer again; I even spoke two times, but I will ·say [add] nothing more."

⁶ Then Yah spoke to Job from the ·storm [whirlwind]:

⁷ "·Be strong [Brace yourself; ^LGird your loins], like a man! I will ask you questions, and you must ·answer [inform] me [38:3].

⁸ Would you ·say that I am unfair [discredit my justice]? Would you ·blame [condemn] me to make yourself look ·right [righteous]? ⁹ · Are you [^L Is your arm] as strong as Yah? Can your voice thunder like his?

¹⁰ If so, then decorate yourself with ·glory [loftiness] and ·beauty [pride];

dress in honor [splendor] and greatness [majesty] as if they were clothing.

¹¹Let your great anger \cdot punish [^Lloose];

look at the proud and bring them down.

¹² Look at the proud and make them \cdot humble [submit]. Crush the wicked wherever they \cdot are [stand].

¹³ ·Bury [^LHide] them all in the ·dirt [dust] together; ·cover [hide] their faces in the \cdot grave [^Lhidden place].

¹⁴ If you can do that, then I myself will praise [acknowledge] you,

because you are strong enough to save yourself [^L your right hand has given you the victory].

¹⁵ "Look at Behemoth, [^C a large land animal or monster], which I made just as I made you.

It eats grass like an ox.

¹⁶ Look at the strength it has in its \cdot body [^L loins];

the muscles of its stomach are powerful.

- ¹⁷ Its tail \cdot is [stiffens] like a cedar tree;
- the •muscles [sinews] of its thighs are woven together.

¹⁸ Its bones are like tubes of bronze; its legs are like bars of iron.

¹⁹ It is one of the first of Yah's works,

but its Maker can ·destroy it [^L approach it with a sword].

²⁰ The hills, where the wild animals play,

provide food for it.

 21 It ·lies [lives] under the lotus plants,

hidden by the 'tall grass in the swamp [reeds of the marsh].

- ²² The lotus plants ·hide [cover] it in their shadow;
- the poplar trees by the .streams [wadis] surround it.

²³ If the river ·floods [grows turbulent], it will not ·be afraid [*or* hurry away]; it is .safe [confident; secure] even if the Jordan River rushes to its mouth.

²⁴ Can anyone ·blind its eyes and capture it [*or* take it with a hook]? Can anyone ·put hooks in its nose [pierce its nose with a snare]?

"Can you catch Leviathan [^C a large sea creature or monster; 3:8] on a fishhook or tie its tongue down with a rope?

² Can you put a cord through its nose

- or \cdot a hook in its jaw [^L pierce its jaw/cheek with a hook]?
- ³ Will it keep begging you for mercy

and speak to you with ·gentle [soft; kind; tender] words? ⁴ Will it ·make [^L cut] an ·agreement [covenant; treaty] with you

and let you take it as your slave \cdot for life [^L forever]?

- ⁵ Can you make a pet of Leviathan [^L play with it] as you would a bird or put it on a leash for your girls?
- ⁶ Will ·traders [the fishing guild] try to ·bargain [haggle] with you for it? Will they divide it up among the merchants?
- ⁷Can you stick · darts [harpoons] all over its skin or fill its head with fishing spears?
- ⁸ If you put one hand on it,
 - you will .never forget [^L remember] the battle,
 - and you will never do it again!
- ⁹ There is no hope of defeating it [Any hope of defeating/subduing it will prove a lie]; just seeing it overwhelms people [^L throws people down].
- ¹⁰ No one is ·brave [fierce] enough to ·make it angry [arouse it; stir it up], so who would be able to stand up against ·me [*or* it]?
- ¹¹ No one [^L Who...?] has ever \cdot given me anything that I must pay back [*or* confronted it and come out whole/safe],

·because everything under the sky belongs to me [or who—under the entire heavens?].

- ¹² "I will ·speak [^L not keep quiet] about Leviathan's ·arms and legs [limbs], its great strength and ·well-formed body [^L grace of form].
- ¹³ ·No one [^L Who...?] can ·tear off [^L expose] its outer ·hide [^L garment] or ·poke [enter] through its double armor.
- ¹⁴ No one [^LWho...?] can force open ·its great jaws [^L the doors of its face]; they are filled with frightening teeth.
- ¹⁵ It has rows of shields on its back

that are tightly sealed together.

- ¹⁶ Each \cdot shield is so close to the next one [^L draws near the other, so] that no air can go between them.
- ¹⁷ •They are joined strongly to one another [^L Each clings to its neighbor]; they hold on to each other and cannot be •separated [broken off].
- ¹⁸ When it ·snorts [sneezes], flashes of light are thrown out,
 - and its eyes look like the light at dawn.
- ¹⁹ Flames blaze from its mouth;
- sparks of fire shoot out.
- ²⁰ Smoke pours out of its nose,
- as if coming from a large pot over a hot fire.
- ²¹ Its breath sets coals on fire,
 - and flames come out of its mouth.
- ²² There is great strength in its neck.
 - People are afraid and run away [or Violence leaps before it].
- ²³ The folds of its skin are tightly joined;
- they are set and cannot be moved.
- ²⁴ Its ·chest [^L heart] is as hard as a rock,
- even as hard as a grinding stone [lower millstone].
- ²⁵ The ·powerful [mighty; or gods] fear ·its terrible looks [^L when it lifts itself up] and ·draw back in fear as it moves [or the waves miss their mark/retreat].

- ²⁶ The sword that •hits [approaches] it does not hurt it, nor the arrows, darts, and spears.
- ²⁷ It ·treats [considers] iron as if it were straw and bronze metal as if it were rotten wood.
- ²⁸ It does not run away from arrows;stones from slings are like chaff to it.
- ²⁹ Clubs feel like ·pieces of straw [chaff] to it,
 and it laughs when they ·shake [rattle] a spear at it.
- ³⁰ The underside of its body is like \cdot broken [*or* sharp] pieces of pottery. It leaves a trail in the mud like a threshing board.
- ³¹ It makes the deep sea ·bubble like a boiling [^L boil like a] pot; it ·stirs up the sea like a pot of oil [^L makes the sea like ointment].
- ³² •When it swims [^L After it], it leaves a shining path in the water that makes the sea look as if it had white hair.
- ³³ Nothing else on earth is equal to it; it is a creature without fear.
- ³⁴ It looks down on all those who are ·too proud [proud; lofty]; it is king over all proud creatures."

Job 42 Expanded Bible (EXB)

Job Answers Yah

1 Then Job answered Yah [^L and said]:

² "I know that you can do all things

and that no plan of yours ·can be ruined [is impossible; can be hindered].

³ You asked, 'Who is this that made my purpose [^L counsel; advice] ·unclear [hidden] by ·saying things that are not true [^L ignorance; <u>38:2</u>]?'

Surely I spoke of things I did not understand; I talked of things too wonderful for me to know.

⁴ You said, 'Listen now, and I will speak. I will ask you questions, and you must ·answer [inform] me.'

⁵My ears <u>had heard</u> of you before,

but <u>now</u> my eyes have <u>seen</u> you.

⁶ So now I ·hate [despise] myself;

I will change my heart and life [^L repent], and will sit in [^L...in] dust and ashes [^C for his questioning of Yah, not for anything that led to his suffering]."

End of the Story

⁷ After Yah had said these things to Job, he said to <u>Eliphaz the Temanite</u>, "·I am angry with [^LMy anger burns against] <u>vou and vour two friends</u>, because you have not said what is ·right [correct] about me, as my servant Job did. ⁸ <u>Now take seven bulls</u> and seven male sheep, and go to my servant Job, and offer a <u>burnt offering</u> [Lev. 1:1–7] for yourselves [^C for atonement]. My servant Job will ·pray [<u>intercede</u> (*Deuteronomy 18:18*)] for you, <u>and I will ·listen to</u> [accept] <u>his praver</u>. Then I will not ·punish you for being foolish [^L treat you according to your foolishness]. You have not said what is ·right [correct] about me, as my servant Job did." ⁹ So Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite did as Yah said, and Yah ·listened to [accepted] Job's prayer.

¹⁰ After Job had ·prayed [interceded] for his friends, Yah ·gave him success again [restored his fortunes]. Yah gave Job twice as much as he had owned before. ¹¹ Job's brothers and sisters came to his house, along with everyone who had known him before, and they all ate with him there. (*At that location*) They comforted him and made him feel better about the trouble [commiserated with him concerning the trouble/evil] Yah had (allowed to happen to him) brought on him, and each one gave Job a piece of silver and a gold ring.

¹² Yah <u>blessed the last part of Job's life</u> even more than the first part. Job had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand teams of oxen, and a thousand female donkeys. ¹³ <u>Job</u> also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴ He named the first daughter Jemimah [^C "turtledove"], the second daughter Keziah [^C "cassia," a spice], and the third daughter Keren-Happuch [^C "a horn (jar) of eye paint"]. ¹⁵ There were no other women in all the ·land [*or* earth] as beautiful as Job's daughters. And their father Job gave them land to own along with their brothers.

¹⁶ After this, Job lived <u>one hundred forty years</u>. He lived to see his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. ¹⁷ Then Job died; he was old and \cdot had lived many years [^L full of days].

So in these days, the end days that we currently are in, Yah is sending a Saviour in our time;

The year of rising up

Start here 09/09/2023 Pray for silver and gold

This study guide is titled <u>"Hold On and Wait;"</u> at this point of our study, the question might be...... what exactly are we waiting for?

<u>The answer is we are waiting for</u> the day/year on Yah of Hosts' calendar when He will do something to correct the world's behavior/actions, both past and present:

<u>Psalm 94:2</u>

Rise up, Judge of the earth, and give the ·proud [arrogant] ·what they deserve [their due].

Psalm 12:5

But Yah says, "I will now **rise up**, because the ·poor [weak] are ·being hurt [destroyed; plundered; oppressed]. Because of the ·moans [groans; sighs] of the ·helpless [needy], I will give them the ·help [victory] they ·want [long for]."

Psalm 17:13

YAH, **rise up**, ·face [confront] the enemy, and ·throw them down [subdue them]. ·Save [Rescue; [•]Deliver] me from the wicked with **your sword**.

Psalm 86:14

Yah, ·proud [arrogant] people ·are attacking [**rise up** against] me; a ·gang [assembly] of ·cruel [violent] people ·is trying to kill me [seek my life]. They do not ·respect you [^Lset you before them].

<u>Psalm 7:6</u>

YAH, **rise up** in your anger; •stand **up** [·lift yourself **up**] against my enemies' •anger [fury]. •Get **up** [Wake **up**], •my Yah [*or* for me], and •demand fairness [insist on/•command judgment].

Psalm 9:19

YAH, **rise up** and don't let people think they are strong ['prevail]. Judge the nations in your presence.

Psalm 10:12

YAH, **rise up** and ·punish the wicked [^Lraise your hand, Yah]. Don't forget those who ·need help [*and* are oppressed].

<u>Isaiah 14:22</u>

Yah ·All-Powerful [Almighty; of Heaven's Armies; <code>•of hosts]</code> says this: "I will ·fight [**·rise up**] against those people; I will ·destroy [<code>·cut off from]</code> Babylon ·and its people [<code>·its name and remnant/survivors]</code>, its ·children [offspring] and their ·descendants [posterity]," says Yah.

We are waiting on the time

Isaiah 2 Expanded Bible (EXB)

The Message About Jerusalem

1 Isaiah son of Amoz saw this ·message [vision; word] about Judah and Jerusalem:

² [^LIt shall be] In the ·last [final; latter] days

the mountain •on which Yah's Temple stands [•of the house of Yah; •Mount Zion]

will \cdot become [be established as; endure as] the \cdot most important [chief; *or* highest] of all mountains.

It will be ·raised [exalted] above the hills,

and \cdot people from all nations [\cdot all nations] will come streaming to it.

³Many ·nations [peoples] will come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of Yah,

to the \cdot Temple [^Lhouse] of the God of Jacob.

•Then [*or* So that] he will teach us his •ways [standards; path], and we will •obey his teachings [•walk in his paths]."

•His teachings [The Law; Instruction; •Torah] will go out from Jerusalem; the •message [word] of Yah will go out from Jerusalem.

⁴He will ·settle arguments among [judge/mediate between] the ·nations [peoples]

and will ·make decisions [settle disputes] for many ·peoples [nations]

Then they will •make [beat; hammer] their swords into •plows [•plowshares; •the metal tip of the plow]

and their spears into ·hooks for trimming trees [pruning hooks]. Nations will no longer ·fight ['raise the sword against] other nations, nor will they train for war anymore [Mic. 4:1–3]. ⁵Come, ·family [descendants; 'house] of Jacob, and let us ·follow the way ['walk in the light] of Yah.

A Terrible Day Is Coming

• YAH, you have **·left [**abandoned; rejected] your people,

the .family [descendants; house] of Jacob,

because they have become filled with wrong ideas from people in the

East [or with superstitions from the East; ^Lfrom the East].

They \cdot try to tell the future [consult soothsayers; practice divination] like the Philistines [Lev. 19:26; Deut. 18:9–14],

and they have completely accepted those foreign ideas [<u>or they</u> <u>clasp/shake hands/make alliances with foreigners</u>; or the children of foreigners are everywhere].

⁷Their land has been filled with silver and gold;

there \cdot are a great many [\cdot is no end/limit to their] treasures there. Their land has been filled with horses;

there \cdot are many [\cdot is no end/limit to their] chariots there [$^{\circ}$ Israel was to rely on Yah, not on horses and chariots; <u>Deut. 17:16–17</u>].

⁸Their land is full of idols.

The people worship $\cdot these$ idols they made with $[\hlacktriangletheta the formula the transmission of transmission of the transmission of transmiss$

and shaped with their own fingers.

*People will ·be humbled [be brought low; or bow down to worship] and will bow low ·with shame [or in worship].

Yah, do not ·forgive [spare; ·lift] them.

[™]Go into the ·caves of the cliffs [[⊥]rocks];

·dig holes and hide in the ground [^Lhide in the dust/ground]

from the **.anger** [terror; terrible presence] of Yah

and from •his great power [the majesty/glory/splendor of his majesty]! ¹¹•Proud people [^LThe eyes of the proud] will be •made humble [brought down],

and ·they [human arrogance/loftiness] will ·bow low with shame [be humbled].

•At that time [In that day] only Yah will still be •praised [exalted].

¹²Yah ·All-Powerful [Almighty; of Heaven's Armies; [•]of hosts] <u>has a ·certain</u> <u>day planned</u> [^Lday] when he will ·punish [bring judgment on; turn against] all the proud and all those who ·brag [are lifted up],

and they will •no longer be important [be humbled/humiliated/brought low].

¹³·He will bring down [-...against] all the ·tall [exalted and mighty/lifted up] cedar trees from Lebanon and all the great oak trees of Bashan, ¹⁴all the .tall [lofty; exalted] mountains and the high hills, ¹⁵every ·tall [lofty] tower and every .high, strong [fortified] wall, ¹⁶all the ·trading ships [¹<u>ships of Tarshish</u>; ^clarge trading vessels capable of going to distant ports; Tarshish may have been in Spain (Tartessus) or an island in the eastern Mediterranean; 23:1; Jon. 1:3] and the beautiful .ships [vessels]. ¹⁷ ·Proud people [Human pride] will be made humble, and they [arrogant people] will bow low with shame [be brought low]. •At that time [In that day] only Yah will be •praised [exalted], ¹⁸ but all the idols will be gone [*disappear; pass away*]. ¹⁹People will run to caves in the ·rocky cliffs [rocks] and will dig holes and hide [to holes] in the ground from the **.anger** [terror; terrible presence] of Yah and \cdot his great power [the majesty/glory/splendor of his majesty; v. 10], when he .stands [rises] to shake the earth. ²⁰ • <u>At that time</u> [In that day] people will throw away their gold and silver idols, which they made for themselves to worship; they will throw them away to the bats and moles. ²¹ Then the people will hide in .caves [caverns/crevices in rocks] and .cracks [clefts] in the rocks from the .anger [terror; terrible presence] of Yah and \cdot his great power [the majesty/glory/splendor of his majesty; <u>v. 19</u>], when he stands to .shake [tremble; or terrify] the earth. ²²Stop trusting in people to save you [LCease from man/people], because people are only human [whose breath is in his nostrils];

•**they aren't able to help you** [what good are they; *or* why do you esteem them?].

Isaiah 31:4

Yah says this to me: "When a lion or a ·lion's cub [young lion], stands over ·the dead animal it has killed [its prey] and roars. A band of shepherds may be assembled against it, but the lion will not be afraid of their yelling or upset by their noise. So Yah ·All-Powerful [Almighty; of Heaven's Armies; <code>*of hosts]</code> will come down to fight on Mount Zion and on its hill.

Jeremiah 1:5

"Before I ·made [formed] you in your mother's womb, I ·chose ['knew] you. Before you ·were born ['came out of the womb], I ·set you apart for a special work [consecrated you]. I **appointed** you as a prophet to the nations."

Jeremiah 1:10

Today I have ·put you in charge of [**·appointed** you over] nations and kingdoms. You will ·pull [pluck] up and ·tear [pull] down, destroy and overthrow, build up and plant [che will announce judgment and salvation]."

So Yah sends a special Messenger in the "End Times" to deal with His people; those who actively turn back seeking guidance and a new life from Him, and those who continue to practice evil!

Exodus 23:20-21

²⁰ "I am sending an angel ahead of you, who will ·protect [guard] you ·as you travel [<code>\con the way/path</code>]. He will ·lead [bring] you to the place I have prepared. ²¹ Pay attention to him and ·obey him [<code>\con this voice</code>]. Do not ·turn [rebel] against him; he will not forgive ·such turning against him [<code>\con this voice</code>] because my ·power [<code>\con this nim</code>.

Malachi 3:1

Behold, I will send my **messenger**, and he shall prepare the way before me: and Yah, whom you seek, shall suddenly **come to his temple**, even the **messenger** of the **covenant**, whom you delight in: behold, he shall come, says Yah of hosts.

TLB

"Listen: I will send my messenger before me to prepare the way. And then the One you are looking for will come suddenly to his (Yah's) Temple (*The presence of Yah of Hosts*)—the Messenger of Yah's promises, to bring you great joy. Yes, he is surely coming," says Yah Almighty.

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"Look! I'm sending my messenger on ahead to clear the way for me. Suddenly, out of the blue, <u>the Leader you've been looking for will enter his Temple—yes, the</u> <u>Messenger of the Covenant</u>, <u>the one you've been waiting for</u>. Look! He's on his way!" A Message from the mouth of Yah -of-the-Angel-Armies.

EVEN THIS END TIME MESENGER OF YAH IS ONE WHO SUFFERS ALONGSIDE OF YAH'S PEOPLE, AND HE IS TRIED AND ALMOST MAKES A MISTAKE!

Psalms 73 I felt like a beast before Yah

Psalm 73 Expanded Bible (EXB) Book 3: Psalms 73–89

How Many of us fit the below scriptures?

Should the Wicked Be Rich?

A psalm of Asaph [^C a Levitical musician, a descendant of Gershon, at the time of David;

<u>1 Chr. 6:39; 15:17; 2 Chr. 5:12]</u>.

1 ·Yah is truly [Surely Yah is] good to ·Israel [*or* those with integrity/virtue], to those who have pure hearts.

² <u>But ·I had almost stopped believing</u> [^L as for me, my feet <u>almost stumbled</u>];

·I had almost lost my faith [my steps almost slipped]

- ³ because I was ·jealous [envious] of ·proud people [braggers; boasters]. I saw wicked people ·doing well [prospering].
- ⁴ They are not ·suffering [struggling; in pain]; ·they [their bodies] are ·healthy [perfect] and strong. ⁵ They don't have strengthing [tails] like the rest of use
- ⁵ They don't have ·troubles [toils] like the rest of us;

they \cdot don't have problems [are not plagued] like other people [<u>Gen. 3:17–19</u>]. ⁶ They wear pride like a necklace

and \cdot put on violence as their clothing [^L adorn themselves with garments of violence].

⁷ • They are looking for profits [^L Their eyes bulge with fat]

and \cdot do not control their selfish desires [cunning overflows from their hearts/minds].

⁸ They ·make fun of others [scoff] and speak ·evil [harm];

·proudly [from high] they speak of ·hurting [oppressing; exploiting] others. ⁹ They ·brag to the sky [L set their mouth against heaven].

•They say that they own [^L Their tongue wanders] the earth.

¹⁰ So their people turn to them

and \cdot give them whatever they want [^L they drink up water in abundance].

¹¹ They say, "How can Yah know?

What does Yah Most High know?"

¹² These people are wicked,

always •at ease [carefree], and getting richer.

¹³ So why have I kept my heart pure [^LIn vain, I kept my heart pure...]?

Why have I kept my hands from doing wrong $[^{L}$...and washed my hands in innocence.

¹⁴ I ·have suffered [am plagued] all day long;

I have been ·punished [corrected] every morning.

¹⁵ Yah, if I had ·decided to talk like this [^L said, "I will recount this,"],
 <u>I would have ·let your people down</u> [^L betrayed the generation/race of your children]. (*The Voice Translation*)

¹⁵ If I had said to others these kinds of things about the plight of Yah's good people,

then I know I would have betrayed the next generation.

Why did this end time savior sent from Yah say this? Look at these scriptures: <u>Psalms 53:1-3</u>

The fool has **said in his heart**, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that does good.

²Yah looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek Yah.

³Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; there is none that does good, no, not one.

<u>Isaiah 53:7</u>

He (this end time messenger) was oppressed, and he was afflicted, **<u>yet he opened</u>** <u>**not his mouth**</u>: he is brought as a lamb to the **slaughter**, and as a **sheep** before her shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth.

Who is this who would risk his life, and dare to approach me?

Jeremiah 30:21

And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst/middle of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who is this that **engaged** his **heart** to approach unto me? Says Yah.

Another translation,

<u>AMP</u>

'<u>Their prince</u> will be one of them, And their ruler will come forward from among them. I will bring him near and he shall approach Me, For who is he who would have the boldness *and* would dare [on his own initiative] to risk his life to approach Me?' says Yah.

<u>AMPC</u>

And their prince will be one of them, and their ruler will come from the midst of them. I will cause him to draw near and he will approach Me, for who is he who would have the boldness and would dare [on his own initiative] to approach Me? says Yah.

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Isaiah Becomes a Prophet

1 In the year that King Uzziah died [°740 BC], I saw Yah sitting on a ·very high [•high and exalted] throne. (*Up in the sky*) ·His long [•The train/trailing part of his] robe filled the Temple. ²·Heavenly creatures of fire [•Seraphim; •the word means "burning ones" and points to purity, power, or judgment] ·stood above [*or* attended] him [<u>Rev. 4:6–9</u>]. Each creature had six wings: It used two wings to cover its face [cas a shield from Yah's awesome glory], two wings to cover its feet [or body;], and two wings for flying. ³Each creature was calling to the others:

"Holy, holy, holy is Yah ·All-Powerful [Almighty; of Heaven's Armies; <code>vof hosts]</code>.

His glory fills the whole earth."

⁴ • Their calling [The sound/noise from each one's voice] caused the • frame around the door [doorposts; threshold foundations] to shake, as the Temple filled with smoke.

⁵I said, "·Oh, no [<u>Woe to me</u>]! I ·will be destroyed [<u>am ruined/doomed</u>]. <u>I am ·not pure</u> [La man with unclean lips; Cthat is, spiritually unworthy], and <u>I live among people ·who are not pure</u> [Lwith unclean lips], but I have seen the King, Yah ·All-Powerful [Almighty; of Heaven's Armies; Tof hosts]."

⁶One of the \cdot heavenly creatures [\cdot Seraphim; <u>v. 2</u>] flew to me with a hot coal [\cdot in his hand] he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs.

⁷The creature [^LHe/It] touched my mouth with the hot coal and said, "·Look [^TBehold], your ·guilt [iniquity] is taken away, because this hot coal has touched your lips. Your sin is ·taken away [forgiven; covered; atoned for]."

^eThen I heard Yah's voice, saying, "Whom can [will] I send [eto speak for Yah to Israel]? Who will go for us [ereferring to Yah and his heavenly court,]?"

So I said, "Here I am. Send me!"

Deuteronomy 18:18 Expanded Bible (EXB)

¹⁸So I will ·give [^Lraise up for] them a prophet like you, who is one of their own ·people [relatives; brothers]. I will ·tell him what to say [^Lput my words in his mouth], and he will tell them everything I command.

Psalms 73

¹⁶ <u>I ·tried [thought how] to understand all this,</u>

<u>but it was too \cdot hard [wearisome] \cdot for me to see [^L in my eyes]</u>

¹⁷ until I went to the ·Temple [sanctuary; Holy Place] of Yah.

<u>Then I understood \cdot what will happen to them [^L their fate/end].</u>

¹⁸ You have put them in ·danger [^L slippery places];
 you cause them to ·be destroyed [^L fall into disaster].

¹⁹ <u>They are destroyed in a moment;</u> <u>they are swept away by terrors.</u>

²⁰ It will be like waking from a dream.

Yah, when you \cdot rise up [awake; arouse yourself], \cdot they will disappear [^Lyou despise their shadows].

²¹ When my heart was ·sad [bitter] and ·I was angry [^L my innards felt stabbed],

²² I was senseless and stupid.
I acted like an ·animal [brute beast] toward you.

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Psalm 73:22 So foolish was I, and ignorant: I was as a **beast** before you.

<u>ERV</u>

I was so stupid. I thought about such people and became upset. Yah, I was upset and angry with you! I acted like a senseless animal.

<u>TLB</u>

I saw myself so stupid and so ignorant; I must seem like an animal to you, O Yah.

<u>MSG</u>

When I was beleaguered and bitter, totally consumed by envy, I was totally ignorant, a dumb ox in your very presence. I'm still in your presence, but you've taken my hand. You wisely and tenderly lead me, and then you bless me.

²³ But I am always with you [^C in covenant relationship];
 you have held my ·hand [^L right hand; ^C guiding him].

²⁴ You guide me with your advice, and later you will receive me in honor [glory; ^C perhaps in the afterlife].

²⁵ ·I have no one [^L Whom do I have...?] in heaven but you;
I ·want [desire] nothing on earth besides you.

²⁶ My body and my \cdot mind [heart] may become weak, but Yah is \cdot my strength [^L the rock of my heart].

He is \cdot mine [^L my portion] forever.

²⁷ Those who are far from \cdot Yah [^L you] will \cdot die [perish];

you ·destroy [bring to an end] those who ·are unfaithful [prostitute themselves spiritually].

²⁸ But I am close to Yah, and that is good.

Yah ·is [I have made] my ·protection [refuge].

I will 'tell [recount] all that you have done.

2 Esdras 13 Good News Bible CHAPTER 13

1: After seven days I dreamed a dream in the night; 2: and behold, a wind arose from the sea and stirred up all its waves.

3: And I looked, and behold, this wind made something like the figure of a man come up out of the heart of the sea.

And I looked, and behold, <u>that man flew with the clouds of heaven</u>; and wherever he turne **d his face to look, everything under his gaze** <u>trembled</u>, 4: and whenever his voice issued fro m his mouth, all who heard his voice melted as wax melts **when it feels the fire**.

5: After this I looked, and behold, *an innumerable multitude of men were gathered together from the four winds of heaven to make war against the man* who came up out of the sea.

6: And I looked, and behold, <u>he carved out for himself a great mountain</u>, and flew up upon it.

7: And I tried to see the region or place from which the mountain was carved, but I could not.

8: After this I looked, and behold, <u>all who had gathered together against him</u>, to wage war

with him, were much afraid, yet dared to fight.

9: And behold, when he saw the onrush of the approaching multitude, <u>he neither lifted his</u> <u>hand nor held a spear or any weapon of war;</u> (*Isaiah 11:4*; He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;

with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.)

10: but **I saw only how he sent forth from his mouth** as it were a stream of fire, and from his lips a flaming breath, and from his tongue he shot forth a storm of sparks.

10 The only thing I saw was what looked like a stream of fire coming out of his mouth he sent a flaming wind from his lips and a storm of sparks from his tongue the stream of fire the flaming wind and the great storm combined

11 And swept down on the crowd **that was coming to attack him and <u>burned them all up in</u> <u>a single moment</u> that crowd too large to count vanished, and <u>there was nothing left but</u> <u>powdery ashes and the smell of smoke</u>. I was shocked when I saw what had happened.**

12 Then I saw the man come down from the mountain and call another large crowd to come to him-this was a peace loving crowd.

13. All sorts of people came; some were happy, some were sad, some had their hands and feet tied, and some brought others as a gift to Yah. I was so frightened that I woke up.

I prayed to Yah Most High and said,

14 Yah you have been showing me all these marvellous things. You have considered me worth and have heard my prayers.

15 Now please show me the meaning of this dream also.

16 I have been thinking <u>how terrible it will be</u> for the people who will be living in those days, but <u>how much worse for those</u> who do not survive.

17 They will be in great sorrow

18 Because they will not enjoy any of the pleasures received for the last days.

19 But how terrible also for those <u>who survive</u>; they will have to <u>face great dangers</u> and many troubles

(Daniel 12:1- The End Times

1 "At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. <u>There will be a</u> <u>time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then</u>. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered.

Resuming 2 Esdras 13:19

As these dreams have shown.

20 Never the less, <u>it is better to pass through these dangers and reach the</u> <u>end than to disappear like a cloud from the world and never</u> see what takes place in the last days; he answered,

21 I will explain to you the meaning of the vision and answer the questions you have asked.

22 You have raised a question about those who will survive until the end. The answer is that

23 The one who brings the danger in those days will also protect from danger the people who have stored up good works in faithfulness with Yah the Almighty One.

24 You may be certain that those who survive are far more fortunate than those who die.

25 This is the meaning of the vision. The man you saw coming up out of the sea 26 represents the one whom Yah Most High has kept ready for many ages. He will free the world He created and establish a new order for those who survive.

27 You saw the wind, fire, and storms going out of the man's mouth 28 and you saw that without a use of a spear or any other weapon he destroyed the great crowd that was advancing to attack him.

This means that **29** the time is near when Yah Most High will begin to free the people on earth 30 at that time everyone will be close to panic.

31 They will begin to make war against one another, city against city, region against region, nation against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

(Is it possible the Middle East war started with Israel will lead to different nations taking sides in the conflict **resulting in great loss of lives**?)

32 When that happens, the signs I told you about earlier will take place, and then I will reveal my Son, whom you saw as a man coming out of the sea.

33 When they hear his voice, all nations will leave their own territory, forget their wars with one another, 34 and come together in one great crowd too large to count as you saw in your dream.

The nations will unite with the single purpose of making war on my Son. 35 he will take his stand on the top of mount Zion, 36 and the New Jerusalem will be seen by everyone. It will be completed and fully built, just as in your dream you saw the mountain carved out but not by human hands.

37 Then my Son will condemn the assembled nations for their godlessness. That is what the storm meant.

38 He will confront them with the wicked plans they have made

[Is it possible that whoever this is will use their wicked plans against them?]

And also with the torment they must endure. That is what the flames meant. Then he will easily destroy them by means of the Law that is what the fire meant.

39 You saw him gather another great crowd of peace –loving people. 40 These are the 10 tribes of Israel who were taken away in captivity in the time of King Hoshea. King Shalmaneser of Assyria captured and deported them to a foreign land east of the Euphrates River.

41 Then the 10 tribes decided not to stay in that land among the many Gentiles, so they moved further East to a country where no human beings had ever lived before. 42 There they hoped to keep their laws which they had failed to keep in their own country.

43 When they had to make the difficult passage across the Euphrates, 44 the Most High performed miracles for them and blocked the channels of the river until they had crossed over.

45 Their long journey through the region, which is Arzareth, took a year and a half, 46 and they have lived there every since. Now in these last days they are coming back home, 47 and once again Yah Most High will block channels of the river, so that they may cross over. That is the meaning of the great crowd of the peace loving people that you saw.

48 But they will also have with them all of your own people who are left and who are found within the borders of my Holy land. 49 When the time comes for my Son to destroy the crowd that has gathered from every nation, he will protect his people who are left 50 and perform many great miracles for them.

51 Then I said Yah and Master please tell why the man came up out of the sea.;

52 He answered, no one can explore the bottom of the sea to find out what is there. In the same way, <u>no human being can see my Son</u> or those who come with him until <u>the day</u> that has been *fixed*.

53 That is the meaning of your dream. <u>You alone have been given this information</u>,

54 because you have given up your own interest to devote yourself to mine and to the study of my Law.

55 You have dedicated your life to wisdom, and understand has been like a mother to you.

56 *That is why Yah Most High has rewarded you by showing you these things.* After three days, I will come back and tell you other profound wonders.

57 I went for a walk in the fields, worshipping and praising Yah Most High for the miracles <u>He performs in His own good times</u>.

58 For He controls the ages <u>and what happens in them</u> I remained there for <u>three</u> <u>days</u>.

Chapter 14

1 On the third day, while I was sitting under an oak tree 2 suddenly a voice came out of a bush near me and called, Ezra! Ezra! I stood up *and answered here I am Yah*. 3 The voice continued, I revealed myself from a bush and spoke to Moses when my people were slaves in Egypt

4 I sent him to lead them out of Egypt, and brought them to MT Sinai. I kept Moses with me there on the mountain for a long time, 5 while I told him the secret about the ages and the end of time. I told him 6 what to make public and what to keep secret.

7 Now I command you to memorize the signs, visions and interpretations that I have given you. You will be taken out of this world into the Heavenly world were you and other like you will live with my Son until the end of time.

10 <u>The world</u> is no longer young; it is rapidly approaching <u>old age</u>. (People failed to give the land rest every 7 years, as commanded by Yah)

Leviticus 25 King James Version

25 And Yahweh spoke unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying,

² Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When you come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a Sabbath unto Yah.

³ Six years you shall sow your field, and six years thou shall prune your vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof;

⁴But in the seventh year shall be a Sabbath of rest unto the land, a

Sabbath for Yahweh: you shall neither sow your field, nor prune your vineyard.

11 The whole history of the world is divided into 12 periods, and the tenth period has already arrived 12 and it is half over; only two and a half part remains.

13 So set your house in order, warn your people, comfort those who are humble, and teach those who are wise, then say goodbye to this mortal life.

14 Put earthly cares away from you throw down your human burdens, and lay aside your week human nature.

15 Put all your anxieties aside, and get ready to leave this world quickly. 16 You have seen many evil things already, but far worse things are about to happen. 17 As the world grows older and weaker, the evils that will come upon its people will multiply.

18 Truth will depart and falsehood will draw ever nearer. The eagle you saw in your vision is just about to arrive.

19 I replied, let me speak in your presence, Yah.

20 I am ready to depart as you have commanded, and I will warn the present generation; but who will warn the people who has not yet been born? This world is a dark place, and its people have no light.

21 Your Law has been destroyed by fire, so no one can know what you have done in the past or what you are planning to do in the future.

22 Please send your Holy Spirit to me, so that I can write down everything that has been done in this world from the beginning, everything that was written in your Law.

Then in these last days, people will be able to find the right way and obtain life if they want to.

23. He answered, go and call the people together and tell them not to look for you for **forty (40) days**.

24. Prepare a large number of writing tablets, and take <u>with you these five</u> <u>men</u> who can write fast Seraiah, Dabriah, Shelemiah, Ethan, and Asiel.

2 Esdras TO BE CONTINUED

Resuming Hold on and Wait

Psalm 73 The Voice (VOICE) Book Three

Many of the psalms in Book Three (<u>Psalms 73–89</u>) are attributed to Asaph. He was a Levite musician appointed by David to lead the worship that surrounded the covenant chest in the congregation tent (<u>1 Chronicles 16:4–6</u>).

Asaph and his descendants continued this work through much of Israel's history, specifically when Solomon dedicated the temple (<u>2 Chronicles 5:12</u>), when Josiah revived the worship of the Eternal One in Jerusalem (<u>2 Chronicles 35:15</u>), and when Ezra and Nehemiah dedicated the wall around Jerusalem (<u>Nehemiah 12:35</u>).

The psalms attributed to Asaph were liturgical, that is, they were chanted or sung as a part of the regular worship of Yah in the temple by the priests, Levites, and perhaps other worshipers too. Whether songs of lament, requests for guidance, or pleas for mercy, these psalms were sung in the one place Yah would hear them best—at His temple—the nexus (*Connection*) between heaven and earth.

Psalm 73:12-28 [The suffering servant's comments]

A song of Asaph.

¹² Let me tell you *what I know* about the wicked:

they are comfortably at rest while their wealth is growing and growing.

¹³ Oh, let this not be me! It seems I have scrubbed my heart to keep it clean

and washed my hands in innocence.

And for what? Nothing.

¹⁴ For all day long, I am being punished,

each day awakening to stern chastisement.

¹⁵ If I had said *to others* these kinds of things *about the plight of Yah's*

<mark>good people,</mark>

<u>then I know I would have betrayed the next generation</u>.

¹⁶ Trying to solve this *mystery* on my own exhausted me;

I couldn't bear to look at it any further.

¹⁷ So I took my questions to the True God,

and in His sanctuary I realized something so chilling and final: their

lives have a *deadly* end.

¹⁸ <u>Because You have certainly set the wicked upon a slippery slope,</u> <u>You've set them up to slide to their destruction.</u>

¹⁹ <u>And they won't see it coming. It will happen so fast:</u> first, a flash of terror, and then desolation.

- ²⁰ It is like a dream from which someone awakes.You will wake up, Yah, and loathe what has become of them.
- ²¹ You see, my heart overflowed with bitterness and cynicism; I felt as if someone stabbed me in the back.
- ²² But I didn't know *the truth*;I have been acting like a stupid animal toward You.
- ²³ But *look at this:* You are still holding my right hand;You have been all along.
- ⁴ Even though I was angry and hard-hearted, You gave me good advice; when it's all over, You will receive me into Your glory.
- ²⁵ For all my wanting, I don't have anyone but You in heaven. There is nothing on earth that I desire other than You.

²⁶ I admit how broken I am in body and spirit, but Yah is my strength, and He will be mine forever.

²⁷ It will happen: whoever shuns You will be silenced forever; You will bring an end to all who refuse to be true to You.

²⁸ But the closer I am to You, my Yah, the better *because life with You is good*.

O Yah, the Eternal, You keep me safe— I will tell everyone what You have done.

Proverbs 20:22

Say not you, I will recompense (*Pay back*) evil; but **wait** on Yah, and he shall save you.

Psalm 147:10-11 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁰He delights not in the strength of the horse: he takes not pleasure in the legs of a man.

¹¹Yah <u>takes pleasure in them that fear (*Reverance*) him</u>, in those that hope in his mercy.

Zephaniah 3:8

Therefore wait you upon me, says Yah, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.

Micah 7:7

Therefore I will look unto Yah; I will **wait** for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

Jeremiah 14:22

Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? are not you he, O **YAH** our God? therefore we will **wait** upon you: for you have made all these things.

Isaiah 8:17 And I will **wait** upon Yah, **<u>that hides his face from the</u>** <u>house of Jacob</u>, and I will look for him.

Isaiah 25:9

And it shall be said in that day-year, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is Yah; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Isaiah 26:8

Yea, in the way of your judgments, O Yah, have we **waited** for you; the desire of our soul is to your name, and to the remembrance of you.

Isaiah 30:18

And therefore will Yah **wait**, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for Yah is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him. Isaiah 33:2

O **YAH**, be gracious unto us; we have **wait<u>ed</u>** for you: be you their arm every morning, our salvation also in <u>the time of trouble</u>.

Isaiah 40:31

But they that **wait** upon Yah <u>shall renew their strength</u>; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. (*Recover from a long wait, but more important recover from the effects of slavery*)

Isaiah 49:23

And kings shall be your nursing fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers: they shall bow down to you with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of your feet; and you shall know that I am Yah: <u>for they</u> <u>shall not be</u> ashamed that **wait** for me.

Meaning; not be disappointed, or lied to. The key is to develop the patience to wait for Yah's appointed time of setting things straight (Vengeance)

Isaiah 60:9

Surely the isles shall **wait** for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of Yah your God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you.

Psalm 27:14

Wait on Yah: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart: **wait**, I say, on Yah.

Psalm 33:20

Our soul **wait**s for Yah: he is our help and our shield.

Psalm 37:7

Rest in Yah, and wait patiently for him: fret not yourself because of him who prospers in his way, because of the man who brings wicked devices to pass.

Psalm 37:9

For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that **wait** upon Yah, they shall inherit the earth.

Psalm 37:34

Wait on Yah, and keep his way, and he shall exalt you to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, you shall see it.

Psalm 39:7

And now, **Yah**, what **wait** I for? my hope is in you.

Psalm 40:1

I waited patiently for Yah; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

Psalm 59:3

For, lo, they lie in **wait** for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O Yah.

Psalm 69:6

Let not them that **wait** on you, O Yah of Hosts, be ashamed for my sake: let not those that seek you be confounded for my sake, O God of Israel. **Psalm 123:2**

Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes **wait** upon Yah our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

Psalm 130:5

I wait for Yah, my soul do wait, and in his word do I hope.

Psalm 130:6

My soul **waits** for Yah more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.