Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other $[^L$ Is there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

Greeting to the people of the Most High Yah of Hosts

Many of our people called Negroes, African American and other names may have recently found their true identity, and are new to this very important knowledge.

This study guide/document was made to help all of our people; whether or not you are new or have known for some time about who we are as a people; but yet... possible questions may still remain about the following:

- 1. Why did we go into slavery
- 2. How are we supposed to correctly pray to our God Yah of Hosts (The "I AM")
- 3. Do we have anything as in (Prayer and confessing our sins) that can reconnect us back to Yah of Hosts our God?
- 4. And <u>IF</u> so, how do we pray to our God as we are trying to make things good between our God and us in the limited time we are given?

TIME IS PRECIOUS; WE MUST LOOK FOR (SEEK YAH) WHILE THERE'S TIME

Isaiah 55:6

Seek you Yah of Host while he may be **found**, call you upon him while he is near: AMP

Seek Yah of Host while He may be found; Call on Him [for salvation] while He is near.

AMPC

Seek, inquire for, and require Yah of Host while He may be found [claiming Him by necessity and by right]; call upon Him while He is near.

MSG

Seek God while he's here to be found, pray to him while he's close at hand. Let the wicked abandon their way of life and the evil their way of thinking. Let them come back to God, who is merciful, come back to our God, who is lavish with forgiveness.

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

Many people in the world agree that we are in the "End Times" and that the world is in trouble.

There is fear across the earth that World War 3 could break out at any time; military forces are facing one another waiting for commanders to give orders that will begin devastating and long suffering. The world is suffering the possibility of the following:

- 1. Famine
- 2. Devastated cities and countries from war
- 3. Financial collapse
- 4. Worldwide chaos
- 5. Individual men and institutions who think and or claim that they God, or will be like... Yahweh the (I Am) but are not

Many Israelites may be afraid looking and living in the world today,

But remember this;

Isaiah 35:4

Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even Yah with a recompence; he will come and save you.

Looking specifically at # 5 above;

And we all should be mindful as many denounce (Hate the Living God) [Psalms 83], saying that there is no God, who flaunt and (Boast) about their beliefs, while the world seems to not care or consider the treatment of the true Hebrew Israelites; all of this seems fine and good in the eyes of some people's eyes and understanding.

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

<u>Until Yah of Hosts rises up</u> and says <u>enough is enough</u>, then and only then will this living God will be taken seriously;

It will be when he shakes His fists and punishes the world for their sins; both as individuals, and mankind collectively!

Isaiah 14 The Voice

1 For the Eternal will extend mercy to Jacob, *this family of God's people*. God will choose Israel all over again, and He will settle them *in comfort and rest* back on their land. Others who are unrelated will *want to* join them and stick close to the house of Jacob, *God's promise people*, ² who will take them in. These others will work for and among Israel. Whoever used to hold Israel captive—*controlling the people's every moment and every move*—will in turn be controlled by Israel; and whoever used to oppress Israel will instead be subject to Israel.

³ Ah, Israel, there will be a time when the Eternal will give you rest from the burden of your labor, the pain of your servitude. ⁴ And then you will take up this chant against the *fallen* king of Babylon:

People:

How silent and still the oppressor;

- the pressure is gone; the raging is done!
- The Eternal has broken the hold of the wicked, snapped *the staff and* the scepter of *tyrannical* rulers.
- They would *stop at nothing to* beat, batter, and bruise the nations, constantly raging as they hunted down and tyrannized the peoples.
- The whole earth, *mountains to sea*, breathes a sigh of relief; the *peace and* quiet erupts into a lively, joyful song.
- The cypresses and cedars of Lebanon rejoice *at his demise*, singing: "You can't hurt us anymore. Now that you've been cut down,
 No one comes to cut us down!"

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [¹ Is there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

O Babylon, the land of the dead is excited to greet you at its door. Your king will enter the grave with ghastly pomp.

It stirs the *shadows and* spirits of the dead—all *long forgotten* leaders—

it arouses all the dethroned kings of the nations to welcome your arrival.

These *departed souls* will respond to you *with rattling voices*,

Departed Souls:

Even you, who were so powerful and unstoppable in life, [# 5 on page 2 above]

have been weakened just like us!

All of your pomp *and power* and the music of your harps join you here

where the dead abide,

Where maggots squirm beneath you, where worms cover you *like a blanket*.

¹² My, how you've fallen from *the heights of* heaven! O morning star, son of the dawn!

What a star you were, as you menaced and weakened the nations, but now you've been cut down, fallen to earth.

¹³ **Remember** [Satan in the King James Bible and his children spoken of in vs 21]

how you said to yourself,

"I will ascend to heaven—reach higher and with more power—and set my throne high above God's [Yah's] own stars?" Remember how you thought you could be a god, saying:

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

"I will sit *among them* at the mount of assembly in the northern heights.

¹⁴ I will rise above the highest clouds and make myself like the Most High"?

¹⁵ *Hah!* Instead, you have sunk *like a stone* to where the dead abide. You've hit bottom of the bottommost pit.

¹⁶ People peer down at you *from above*, and their curiosity *overflows*.

People: Wow, is this the man who once terrorized the world?

Is he the one who rocked the earth's kingdoms and threatened us with disaster?

Is he the one who turned the *bustling* cities of the world into a wasteland,

and never let the prisoners of war go home?

¹⁸ While all the other world leaders are memorialized with honor, and each occupies his own *elaborate* tomb,

¹⁹ You will be reviled and disgraced—your tomb desecrated, your corpse thrown aside like a worthless branch.

Those slain in battle, pierced by swords, will cover you; you'll go down to the pit like a corpse left on the battlefield.

²⁰ Because you wrecked your own land and killed your own people, your corpse will not share in *the honor of* a proper burial.

May the <u>offspring</u> (Descendants) of such evil never be mentioned again; don't speak their names or hear their tales.

²¹ Let them be obliterated because of their fathers' wicked deeds so that they never have a chance *to follow in their steps*,

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

Terrorizing and possessing the earth, filling up the world with their cities!

Then people can live in normalcy and peace.

Eternal One: ²²⁻²⁴ I will move against Babylon and put an end to her future generations.

I will cut them off—leaving no survivors—so that your oppressors will become nameless and faceless shadows.

I'll sweep that city with My broom of destruction and turn its pools into stagnant marshes and leave its ruins to be ruled by wild animals.

Yah swears that our oppressors will be punished. The Eternal, Commander of heavenly armies, makes this pledge.

Eternal One: Things will happen as I plan.

Things will be as I determine.

I will break Assyria's hold on My land; on mountain after mountain I will trample over them.

Then My people will no longer have to bow beneath the Assyrian yoke

or bear up under its heavy burden.

Because I, God of earth and heaven, have devised a plan for the whole earth;

I have reached out and am ready to effect change among the nations.

²⁷ And who can argue with that or stand in Yah's way?

The Eternal, Commander of *heavenly* armies, has determined That this is how it should be.

And so it will be

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

While most of Isaiah's messages are directed to the people of Judah, he pronounces other oracles against neighboring nations and empires.

This is typical of most prophets. <u>Chapters 13–23</u> contain a number of oracles (or prophetic messages) addressed to the nations and cities such as Assyria, Philistia, Moab, Damascus, Cush, Egypt, Babylon, and others.

Each message is distinct, for the sins of their citizens and the threats they face are unique to them. Still each message contains an overriding, dominant claim: Yah of Hosts is sovereign over all the earth; and although He has a special relationship with Israel and Judah, all the nations must ultimately bow before Yah.

²⁸ When *our* king, Ahaz, died *having endured and survived Assyria's attacks against us,* the prophet received this message.

^{Don't get too excited, Philistia, because} *your enemy is dead*.
The rod that struck you may be broken,
But from the root of the serpent, a viper will come out;
the offspring of that viper will be a flying cobra.

<sup>The poor among us will have enough to eat;
the needy and most vulnerable will sleep in peace.
But I will go after your key people with famine,
and then wipe out any who remain.</sup>

³¹ Look out, Philistia; you will soon vanish! Let your gates and your city *walls* cry out! *It'll be bad for you soon*,

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other $[^L$ Is there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

because an army from the north is bearing down on you, burning cities in its wake;

and there is not a straggler in its ranks.

So, how do we answer the ambassadors of the nations?
 The Eternal has made Zion what it is—
 And His <u>humbled</u> and <u>afflicted people</u> will find shelter there.

Please note;

This entire document is in reference to Yah of Hosts, and to whom He sees fit to raise up; I am not saying that I am His choice for this duty; - this is reserved for Yahweh alone!

Now the Evidence:

(In the End days or Times)

Zechariah 2 Expanded Bible

The Vision of the Measuring Line [The shaking of Yahweh's Fist]

Then I looked up and saw a man holding a line for measuring things. ² I asked him, "Where are you going?"

He said to me, "I am going to measure Jerusalem, to see how wide and how long it is."

³ Then the 'angel [messenger] who was talking with me left, and another 'angel [messenger] came out to meet him. ⁴ The second 'angel [messenger] said to him, "Run and tell that young man, 'Jerusalem will become a city without walls, because there will be so many people and 'cattle [livestock] in it.

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other $[^L$ Is there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

⁵I will be a wall of fire around it,' says Yah of Hosts All-Powerful. 'And I will be the glory within it.'

⁶"·Oh no! Oh no [or Come! Come; or Up! Up]! **Run away from ·Babylon** [Land of the north], because I have scattered you like the four winds of heaven," says Yah of Hosts All-Powerful.

⁷"·Oh no [or Come; or Up], ·Jerusalem [^LZion; ^Cthe location of the Temple]! Escape, you who live in ·Babylon [^LDaughter Babylon]."

⁸ This is what Yahweh All-Powerful[Almighty; of Heaven's Armies; ^T of hosts] says: "After 'he has honored me and [or the Glorious One; or for his own glory he] sent me against the nations who took your possessions [plundered you]—

because whoever touches you hurts [Ltouches] what is

precious to me [Tthe apple of his eye; Lthe pupil/little man of his eye]—

⁹ I will ·shake my hand [<u>raise my fist</u>] against them so that their slaves will ·rob [plunder] them."

Then you will know that Yahweh All-Powerful[Almighty; of Heaven's Armies; ^T of hosts] sent me.

¹⁰ "Shout and be glad, 'Jerusalem [LDaughter Zion]. [LFor look/Behold] I am coming, and I will live among you," says Yah of Hosts All-Powerful.

¹¹ "At that time people from many nations will join with Yah of Hosts All-Powerfuland will become my people.

Then I will live among you, and you will know that Yahweh All-Powerful[Almighty; of Heaven's Armies; ^T of hosts] has sent me to you.

¹² Yah of Hosts All-Powerfulwill take [possess; inherit] Judah as his own part of the holy land, and ·Jerusalem will be his chosen city again [^L will again choose Jerusalem].

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

¹³ Be silent, 'everyone [^L all flesh], in the presence of Yah of Hosts All-Powerful. He 'is coming [has roused himself] out of 'the holy place where he lives [his holy dwelling in *Heaven*]."

Isaiah 13:11 Expanded Bible

Yah of Hosts All-Powerful says, "I will <u>punish the world</u> for its evil <u>and wicked people for their sins</u>. I will cause 'proud people [the arrogant] to lose their pride, and I will 'destroy [humble; lay low] the pride of those who are cruel to others [the ruthless/tyrants].

Isaiah 24:1

Yah of Hosts All-PowerfulWill Punish the World

Look [TBehold]! **Yah of Hosts All-Powerful**will destroy **the** earth and ·leave it empty [lay it waste]; he will ·ruin [mar; distort] **the** surface of **the** land and scatter its ·people [inhabitants].

<u>Isaiah 26:21</u>

[Lack For look/T behold] Yah of Hosts All-Powerful will leave [is coming out of] his place to punish the people [inhabitants] of the world for their sins.

The earth will ·show [reveal; <u>disclose</u>] <u>the blood</u> of the people who have been killed [Lits blood]; it will not cover ·the dead [its slain] any longer.

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other $[^L$ Is there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

Isaiah 34:1

Yah of Hosts (God) Will Punish His Enemies

All you nations, come near and listen.

Pay attention, you peoples! The earth and ·everything in it [all it contains] should listen, the world and all ·the people in it [its offspring].

Isaiah 54 Expanded Bible

People Will Return to Jerusalem

Yah of Hosts All-Powerfulsays, "Sing, 'Jerusalem [Larren one; You are like a woman who [Larren one] never gave birth to children. Start singing and shout for joy.

You never 'felt the pain of giving birth [were in labor], but you will have more children [L for more are the children of the desolate one] than the woman who has a husband.

² Make your tent bigger;
stretch ·it [^L your tent curtains] out and make it wider.
Do not hold back.
Make the ·ropes [cords] longer
and its stakes stronger,
³ because you will spread out to the right and to the left.

Your ·children [descendants; offspring; seed] will take over [possession of] other nations,

and they will again live in [resettle] cities that once were 'destroyed [ruined; desolate].

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

You <u>will forget the shame</u> <u>you felt earlier</u> [Lof your youth]; you will not remember the <u>shame</u> [disgrace; reproach] you felt when you lost your husband [of your widowhood; or of your abandonment].

NOTE below: Isaiah 54:5 "Your maker is your Husband.

⁵ ·The God who made you is like [^L For your Maker is] your husband. His name is Yah of Hosts All-Powerful ·All-Powerful[Almighty; of Heaven's Armies; ^T of hosts].

The Holy One of Israel [1:4] is the one who saves you [your redeemer]. He is called the God of all the earth.

⁶ You were like a woman ·whose husband left her [deserted; abandoned], ·and you were very sad [^L grieved/distressed in spirit].

You were like a wife who married young and then 'her husband left her [was rejected]. But Yah of Hosts All-Powerfulcalled you to be his [or will call you back],"

But Yah of Hosts All-Powerfulcalled you to be his [or will call you back]," says your God.

⁷ Yah says, "I left you for a ·short time [moment], but with great ·kindness [mercy; compassion] I will bring you back again.

⁸ I ·became very angry [had a surge/burst of anger]

and hid from you for a ·time [moment],

but I will show you ·mercy [compassion] with ·kindness

[lovingkindness; loyalty; covenant love] forever,"

says Yah of Hosts All-Powerful ·who saves you [your redeemer].

⁴ "<u>Don't be afraid</u>, because you will not be ashamed.

<u>Don't be ·embarrassed</u> [discouraged], because you will not be disgraced.

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

"This day is like the 'time [days] of Noah to me [Gen. 6-9].

I ·promised [swore] then that ·I [Lthe waters of Noah] would never ·flood [cover] the world again [Gen. 9:11].

In the same way, I ·promise [swore] I will not be angry with you or punish [rebuke] you again.

¹⁰ The mountains may ·disappear [move; be shaken], and the hills may ·come to an end [be removed; disappear], but my ·love [lovingkindness; loyalty; covenant love] will never disappear [be moved/shaken];

my promise [covenant; treaty] of peace will not ·come to an end [be removed; disappear]," says Yah of Hosts All-Powerful who shows mercy to [has compassion for] you.

¹¹ "You poor city [^L Afflicted one]. Storms have 'hurt [battered; tossed] you,

and you have not been comforted.

But I will rebuild you with 'turquoise stones [gems],

and I will build your foundations with 'sapphires [or lapis lazuli].

¹² I will use ·rubies [or agate; or jasper] to build your ·walls [towers; battlements; pinnacles]

and ·shining jewels [or beryl; or garnet; or crystal] for the gates and precious jewels for all your outer walls.

⁹ Yah of Hosts All-Powerfulsays,

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

¹³ All your children will be taught by Yah of Hosts All-Powerful, and they will have much 'peace [prosperity; wholeness; ^C Hebrew: *shalom*].

¹⁴ I will 'build [establish] you 'using fairness [in righteousness]. You will be safe from those who would hurt you [^L Tyranny/oppression will be far from you],

so you will have nothing to fear [terror will be far away]. Nothing will come to make you afraid.

¹⁵ I will not send anyone to attack you [^L If anyone attacks, it is not from me], and you will defeat those who do attack you.

¹⁶ "See, I made the blacksmith.

He fans the fire to make it hotter, and he ·makes the kind of tool he wants [forges a weapon for his purpose].

In the same way I have made the destroyer to destroy.

So no weapon ·that is used [forged] against you will ·defeat you [succeed].

You will 'show that those who speak against you are wrong [<u>refute</u> <u>every accusation against you</u>; ^L refute every tongue that rises against you in judgment (Law cases)].

These are the 'good things [heritage] my servants receive.

Their ·victory [vindication; righteousness] **comes from me**," says Yah of Hosts All-Powerful.

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, and <u>let us reason together</u>, says Yah of Hosts: though your sins be **as** scarlet, they shall be **as white as snow**; though they be red like crimson, they shall be **as** wool.

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

ERV

"I, Yah (God of Israel, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob), am the one speaking to you. Come, let's discuss this. Even if your sins are as dark as red dye, that stain can be removed and you will be as pure as wool that is as white as snow.

EXB

Yah of Host says, "Come, let us ·talk about these things [reason together; or settle this matter; or consider your options]. Though your sins are like scarlet [^C stained with blood; vv. 15, 21], they can be as white as snow. Though your sins are ·deep red [^L red as crimson/purple], they can be white like wool.

MSG

"Come. Sit down. Let's argue this out." This is *Yah's* Message: "If your sins are blood-red, they'll be snow-white. If they're red like crimson, they'll be like wool. If you'll willingly obey, you'll feast like kings. But if you're willful and stubborn, you'll die like dogs." That's right. *Yah* says so.

Jeremiah 29:13 King James Bible

And you shall **seek me**, and find **me**, when you shall search for **me** with all your heart.

Hosea 10:12 King James Bible

Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in **me**rcy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to **seek** Yah of Host, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.

<u>Amos 5:4</u>

For this says Yah of Host unto the house of Israel, **Seek** you **me**, and you shall live:

Zephaniah 2:3

Seek you Yah of Host, all you **me**ek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; **seek** righteousness, **seek me**ekness: it may be you shall be hid in the day of Yah of Host's anger.

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

AMP

Seek Yah of Host [search diligently for Him and regard Him as the foremost necessity of your life], All you humble of the land Who have practiced His ordinances and have kept His commandments; Seek righteousness, seek humility [regard them as vital]. Perhaps you will be hidden [and pardoned and rescued] In the day of Yah of Host's anger.

AMPC

Seek Yah of Host [inquire for Him, inquire of Him, and require Him as the foremost necessity of your life], all you humble of the land who have acted in compliance with His revealed will *and* have kept His commandments; seek righteousness, seek humility [inquire for them, require them as vital]. It may be you will be hidden in the day of Yah of Host's anger.

EXB

Come to [Seek] Yah of Host, all you who are not proud [humble; meek], who obey his ·laws [commands]. Do what is right [Seek righteousness]. ·Learn [Seek] to be humble.

Maybe you will escape [be protected; ^L be hidden] on the day Yah of Host shows his anger.

Jeremiah 6:16 Expanded Bible

¹⁶ This is what Yahweh says:

"Stand where the roads cross [at the crossroads] and look.

Ask where the <u>old</u> [eternal; enduring] <u>way</u> is [<u>Deut. 32:7</u>], where the good way is, and walk on it.

If you do, you will find rest for 'yourselves [souls].

But they have said, 'We will not 'walk on the good way [follow it].'

We are to pray continually for our sins up to the second we receive a Pardon from Yahweh;

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

This prayer reaches, or covers our sins all the way back to the Garden of Eden where the ORIGINAL sin was done,

And since then **NOBODY**, **and I mean nobody** has been totally forgiven, the sacrifices was a type of setting sins off, or temporarily pushing our sins to a set day and time in the future when all will be well again.

Animal sacrifice won't due anymore, it is no longer able (today) in this day and time for (the setoff, - postponing of paying for our sins)

Isaiah 1 Amplified Bible

Rebellion of Yah's People

1 The vision of [the prophet] Isaiah the son of Amoz concerning [the kingdom of] Judah and [its capital] Jerusalem, which he saw [as revealed by Yah] during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

2

Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth;

For Yah of Hosts has spoken:
"I have reared and brought up sons,
But they have rebelled against Me *and* have broken away.
3

"The ox [instinctively] knows its owner, And the donkey its master's feeding trough,

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [¹ Is there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

But Israel does not know [Me as YAH OF HOSTS/ YAHWEH], My people do not understand."

A people loaded down with wickedness [with sin, with injustice, with wrongdoing],

Offspring of evildoers,

Sons who behave corruptly!

They have abandoned (rejected) Yah of Hosts, They have despised the Holy One of Israel [provoking Him to anger], They have turned away from Him.

⁵ Why should you be stricken *and* punished again [since no change results from it]?

You [only] continue to rebel.

The whole head/leadership is sick

And the whole heart is faint and sick.

⁶ From the sole of the foot even to the head [*Meaning from the leaders all the way to the everyday people*]

There is nothing healthy in the nation's body,

Only bruises, welts, and raw wounds,

Not pressed out:

(*For example*; like a boil that has to be cut/lanced) or bandaged, Nor softened with oil [as a remedy].

⁷ Your land lies desolate [because of your disobedience], Your cities are burned with fire,

⁴ Ah, sinful nation,

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

Your fields—strangers are devouring them in your very presence; It is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

⁸ The Daughter of Zion (Jerusalem) is left like a [deserted] shelter in a vineyard,

Like a watchman's hut in a cucumber field, like a besieged city [isolated, surrounded by devastation].

⁹ If Yah of Hosts

Had not left us a few survivors,

We would be like Sodom, We would be like Gomorrah.

Yah Has Had Enough

Ezekiel 2 The Voice

Ezekiel's strange vision of clouds and fires, light and lightning, creatures with four faces, wheels within wheels, and a throne-chariot is a prelude to his ultimate vision. For a moment he glimpses a humanlike figure seated on a throne; this, he says, is the glory of the Eternal. The word "glory" refers to Yah's visible manifestation. Though Yah/God is unseen, from time to time human beings are given the privilege of seeing His glory. This glory accompanies Israel in the wilderness and resides in the temple in Jerusalem. But Ezekiel realizes God's glory is not restricted to Jerusalem; it is in Babylon with those in exile. The fact that God's glory is seen in

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Babylon and reported by His prophet offers comfort to those displaced in a foreign land.

The Voice (to Ezekiel): Son of man, rise to your feet. I want to speak to you.

² As soon as the voice spoke, the Spirit entered me and lifted me to my feet; I listened to what the voice told me.

The Voice: ³ Son of man, I am dispatching you to the people of Israel.

They are a <u>rebellious</u> nation that lives in defiance of Me.

They and their ancestors have broken loyalties with Me even up to this very day.

Though you will dwell among the thistles and briars *of their hostility,* though their reactions will make you think you're sitting on scorpions, do not be afraid.

Pay no attention to their threats, and don't let their glaring faces intimidate you.

They are a rebellious lot.

⁴Go to the *Israelites*, *who are* **stubborn** and **hardhearted**, and tell them, "This is what the Eternal Yah has to say."

⁵ Whether this nation of rebels <u>listens or refuses to listen to My</u> message, at least they will know a prophet has visited them.

⁶ Do not fear them or their words, son of man.

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⁷ It is <u>vital you feed them</u> <u>My words</u>, whether they choose to digest them or not, for they are a rebellious people.

<u>Do not follow their rebellious ways.</u> Open your mouth and eat what I give you.

⁹ When I looked, I saw a hand extended toward me. In its palm was a scroll. ¹⁰ As I looked on, the scroll was unrolled, and I could see that there was writing on the front and back.

It was covered with words of lament, grief, and disaster.

¹⁰ Hear the word of Yah of Hosts [rulers of Jerusalem], You rulers of [another] <u>Sodom</u>, Listen to the law *and* instruction of our God, You people of [another] <u>Gomorrah</u>.

"What are your multiplied sacrifices to Me [without your repentance]?"

Says Yah of Hosts.

"I have had enough of [your] burnt offerings of rams
And the fat of well-fed cattle [without your obedience];
And I take no pleasure in the blood of bulls or lambs or goats
[offered without repentance].

¹² "When you come to appear before Me, Who requires this of you, this trampling of My [temple] courts

⁸ Listen to what I tell you, son of man.

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[by your sinful feet]?

13 "Do not bring worthless offerings again,
[Your] incense is repulsive to Me;
[Your] New Moon and Sabbath [observances], the calling of assemblies—

I cannot endure wickedness [your sin, your injustice, your wrongdoing] and [the squalor of] the festive assembly.

¹⁴ "I hate [the hypocrisy of] your New Moon festivals and your appointed feasts.

They have become a burden to Me; I am weary of bearing them.

¹⁵ "So when you *spread out your hands* [*in prayer*, *pleading for My help*], I will hide My eyes from you;

If needed, to help understand a little bit more, please take notice below:

[If you are a Hebrew Israelite, - *Full of blood*, - means committing murders, assaults, abortions that are not life threatening, abortions because of indiscriminate sex (These <u>are just some</u> examples]

<u>Isaiah 1:15</u> King James Bible

And when you spread forth your hands, <u>I will hide</u> mine eyes from you: yes, when you make many **prayers**, I will not **hear**: [Why?] **your hands are full of blood**.

Isaiah 8:17 King James Bible

And I will wait upon Yah, that *hides* his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.

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Isaiah 45:15

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

Also

Jeremiah 23:24

Can any <u>hide</u> himself in secret places <u>that I shall not see him</u>? says *Yahweh*. Do not I fill heaven and earth? says *Yahweh*.

Examine:

Hosea 5:15 King James Bible

¹⁵ I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.

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"I will abandon my people until they have suffered enough for their sins and come looking for me. Perhaps in their suffering they will try to find me."

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I will return to My place [on high- heaven] until they acknowledge their offense and feel their guilt and seek My face; in their affliction and distress they will seek, inquire for, and require Me earnestly, saying, EXB

Then I will go back to my ·place [lair; dwelling place] until they ·suffer for [or admit] their guilt and ·turn back to me [L seek my face]. In their ·trouble [distress; affliction] they will look for me."

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

Hosea 5 The Voice

Eternal One: Hear this, you priests! Pay attention, you leaders of Israel! Hear all of you in the royal court, *My* judgment is against you! You've been a snare at Mizpah, a net spread out on *Mount* Tabor; you've led the people astray:

Those who have revolted *against Me* have dug a deep pit of slaughter, so I'm going to punish all of you.

Yah is describing the fate of those rebellious leaders who have dug a deep hole: because of their depravity, they will be led to slavery in shackles.

Hosea's prophecy is fulfilled in 722 B.C., when Shalmaneser V leads his Assyrian army to conquer Samaria, the capital city of Israel. But leveling the city and slaughtering countless citizens isn't what ends Israel's legacy.

In the years following the war, Sargon II systematically deports the remaining Israelites to cities in the Assyrian Empire <u>and repopulates Samaria with</u> <u>foreigners</u> to suppress future rebellions.

- I know Ephraim; Israel isn't hiding from Me. Even now Ephraim plays the part of a whore; Israel is *covering* herself in impurity.
- They're so caught up in their way of life that they can't return to their God.

 They have a spirit of prostitution within them, so they don't know Me; I am the Eternal One.

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- The pride of Israel <u>testifies against her to her very face</u>.

 Israel (*which is called* Ephraim) will stagger because of its guilt.

 Judah, too, will stagger with them.
- They'll go with their flocks and their herds to seek Me, offering a multitude of sacrifices, but they won't find Me because they are abandoned.
- They've been <u>unfaithful to</u> *Me*, the Eternal, and produced *defiled*, illegitimate children.

[Children taught to worship idols and false gods]

Now at a new moon, *a foreign nation* will devour them and their fields.

Blow the *ram*'s horn in Gibeah, sound the trumpet in Ramah, and raise a war cry in Beth-aven. Even as your cities fall, Benjamin, more armies are behind you!

Ephraim will be devastated when they are punished with this invasion from the south.

(This is sure *to happen*, and I'm announcing it to all the tribes of Israel!)

But I'll also punish the leaders of Judah—

I'll pour out My wrath on them like water—

Because they're trying to snatch this territory of Benjamin's.

They've become like the *dishonest* people who move boundary-stones.

Ephraim is oppressed, crushed by punishment,

because he insists on pursuing empty ways and trusting others to save him.

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In My judgments I'm like a disease that devours Ephraim as a moth eats wool,

like an infected wound to the people of Judah.

But when Ephraim saw how sick he was and Judah saw his open sore,

Ephraim went to Assyria and sent to the great king *for relief*. But a *foreign* ruler can't cure you; he can't heal your sore.

The great king is the king of Assyria from whom both Israel and Judah eventually seek help.

I'll be like a lion to Ephraim,
like a young lion to the people of Judah.
I'll tear them to pieces myself and make off with My kill.
I'll carry it away, and no one will be able to take it from Me.

15 I'll go back to My lair and stay there until they admit their guilt and come looking for Me.

In their distress, they'll desperately try to find Me.

About our prayers

Especially when we feel that our God Yahweh will not, or has not answered

[Not hear your prayers, means, - until a certain time arrives (400 years as slaves in the North Country, - mostly known as the North American Continent) found and witnessed in (Genesis 15:13-14) as this is the signal that Yah of Hosts is now ready to hear our prayers.

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Genesis 15:13-14 King James Bible

And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that your seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them <u>four</u> <u>hundred years</u>;

¹⁴ And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

Other versions:

Genesis 15:13-14 Good News Translation

¹³ Yah of Hosts said to him, "Your descendants will be strangers in a foreign land; they will be slaves there and will be treated cruelly for four hundred years. ¹⁴ But I will punish the nation that enslaves them, and when they leave that foreign land, they will take great wealth with them.

Genesis 15:13-16 The Message

¹³⁻¹⁶ YAH said to Abram, "Know this: your descendants will live as outsiders in a land not theirs; they'll be enslaved and beaten down for 400 years.

Then I'll punish their slave masters; your offspring will march out of there loaded with plunder. But not you; you'll have a long and full life and die a good and peaceful death. Not until the fourth generation will your descendants return here; sin is still a thriving business among the Amorites."

[See a description about the Amorites below.]

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The Amorites description:

(Source) The book; "The Pentateuch in The Cultural Environment" **page** 23 says the Amorites are mentioned fairly often in the Pentateuch but are not always clearly distinguished from the Canaanites.

Research in the past century has shown that they were Semites who migrated west from the lower Mesopotamian valley to the upper Euphrates valley and on into Palestine.

Their name literally means "Westerner," and the Gutian invasion seems to have been the reason for their move.

The Amorites succeeded in capturing Mari, on the south bank of the Euphrates, and made it their wealthy capital. They were powerful about 2000 B.C. to the rise of Hammurabi, who destroyed Mari completely.

Archaeologists have discovered about twenty thousand clay tablets at Mari.

Some of these inscriptions are of a legal nature but most are about everyday day domestic and business affairs.

Their content throws much light on Patriarchal customs. Names such as Abraham, Jacob, Benjamin Serug, Tera, and Nahor appear in these texts, but they do not designate the biblical characters themselves.

Amorites: Source "Aid To Bible Understanding page 73" Whether such connection exists or not, it is of interest to note that on the Egyptian monuments "the Amorites are depicted [showed, painted], as a tall race, with fair skins, light (also black) hair, and blue eyes ... They thus resembled the Libyans (The Berbers of today) ... (Hastings' dictionary of the Bible, Vol. 1 pp. 84, 85

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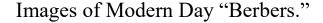
Adjective (Describes something)

- 1. (of a person) having pale or relatively pale skin: "a fair-skinned woman with blue eves"
- Light skin



Human skin color

• Light skin is a human skin color that has a base level of eumelanin pigmentation that has adapted to environments of low UV radiation. Light skin is most commonly found amongst the native populations of Europe, Central Asia, and Northeast Asia as measured through skin reflectance. People with light skin pigmentation are often referred to as "white" although these usages can be ambiguous in some co... Wikipedia





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Resuming information about Judah of the Israelites living in America;

But when that time arrived in America;

The [United States Congress passed HR 1242 115th Congress (And Is how) Yah has given His people notice that live in the North Country found in <u>Jeremiah 23:7-8 King James Bible</u>

⁷ Therefore, behold, the days come, says Yahweh, that they shall no more say, Yahweh lives, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

⁸ But, Yahweh lives, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the North Country, and from all countries where I had driven them; and they shall dwell/*live* in their own land.

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One Hundred Fifteenth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE FIRST SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday, the third day of January, two thousand and seventeen

An Act

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To establish the 400 Years of African-American History Commission, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "400 Years of African-American History Commission Act".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

- (1) COMMEMORATION.—The term "commemoration" means the commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the arrival of Africans in the English colonies, at Point Comfort, Virginia, in 1619.
- (2) COMMISSION.—The term "Commission" means the 400 Years of African-American History Commission established by section 3(a).
- (3) SECRETARY.—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT.

- (a) IN GENERAL.—There is established a commission, to be known as the "400 Years of African-American History Commission".
 - (b) MEMBERSHIP.—
 - (1) COMPOSITION.—The Commission shall be composed of 15 members, of whom—
 - (A) three members shall be appointed by the Secretary after considering recommendations of Governors, including the Governor of Virginia;
 - (B) six members shall be appointed by the Secretary after considering recommendations of civil rights organizations and historical organizations;
 - (C) one member shall be an employee of the National Park Service having experience relative to the historical and cultural resources related to the commemoration, to be appointed by the Secretary;
 - (D) two members shall be appointed by the Secretary after considering the recommendations of the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution; and
 - (E) three members shall be individuals who have an interest in, support for, and expertise appropriate to the commemoration, appointed by the Secretary after considering the recommendations of Members of Congress.

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- (2) TIME OF APPOINTMENT.—Each appointment of an initial member of the Commission shall be made before the expiration of the 120-day period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act.
 - (3) TERM; VACANCIES.—
 - (A) TERM.—A member of the Commission shall be appointed for the life of the Commission.
 - (B) VACANCIES.—
 - (i) IN GENERAL.—A vacancy on the Commission shall be filled in the same manner in which the original appointment was made.
 - (ii) PARTIAL TERM.—A member appointed to fill a vacancy on the Commission shall serve for the remainder of the term for which the predecessor of the member was appointed.
 - (C) CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP.—If a member of the Commission was appointed to the Commission as an employee of the National Park Service, and ceases to be an employee of the National Park Service, that member may continue to serve on the Commission for not longer than the 30-day period beginning on the date on which that member ceases to be an employee of the National Park Service.
- (c) DUTIES.—The Commission shall—
- (1) plan, develop, and carry out programs and activities throughout the United States—
 - (A) appropriate for the commemoration;
 - (B) to recognize and highlight the resilience and contributions of African-Americans since 1619;
 - (C) to acknowledge the impact that slavery and laws that enforced racial discrimination had on the United States; and
 - (D) to educate the public about—
 - (i) the arrival of Africans in the United States;
 - (ii) the contributions of African-Americans to the United States;
- (2) encourage civic, patriotic, historical, educational, artistic, religious, economic, and other organizations throughout the United States to organize and participate in anniversary activities to expand understanding and appreciation of—
 - (A) the significance of the arrival of Africans in the United States; and
 - (B) the contributions of African-Americans to the United States;

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- (3) provide technical assistance to States, localities, and nonprofit organizations to further the commemoration;
- (4) coordinate and facilitate for the public scholarly research on, publication about, and interpretation of—
 - (A) the arrival of Africans in the United States; and
 - (B) the contributions of African-Americans to the United States;
- (5) ensure that the commemoration provides a lasting legacy and long-term public benefit by assisting in the development of appropriate programs; and
- (6) help ensure that the observances of the commemoration are inclusive and appropriately recognize the experiences and

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heritage of all individuals present at the arrival of Africans in the United States.

SEC. 4. COMMISSION MEETINGS.

- (a) INITIAL MEETING.—Not later than 30 days after the date on which all members of the Commission have been appointed, the Commission shall hold the initial meeting of the Commission.
- (b) MEETINGS.—The Commission shall meet—
- (1) at least three times each year; or
- (2) at the call of the Chairperson or the majority of the members of the Commission.
- (c) QUORUM.—A majority of the voting members shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number may hold meetings.
- (d) CHAIRPERSON AND VICE CHAIRPERSON.—
- (1) ELECTION.—The Commission shall elect the Chairperson

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and the Vice Chairperson of the Commission on an annual basis.

- (2) ABSENCE OF THE CHAIRPERSON.—The Vice Chairperson shall serve as the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson.
- (e) VOTING.—The Commission shall act only on an affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Commission.

 SEC. 5. COMMISSION POWERS.
- (a) GIFTS.—The Commission may solicit, accept, use, and dispose of gifts, bequests, or devises of money or other property for aiding or facilitating the work of the Commission.
- (b) APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES.—The Commission may appoint such advisory committees as the Commission determines to be necessary to carry out this Act.
- (c) AUTHORIZATION OF ACTION.—The Commission may authorize any member or employee of the Commission to take any action that the Commission is authorized to take under this Act.
- (d) PROCUREMENT.—
- (1) IN GENERAL.—The Commission may procure supplies, services, and property, and make or enter into contracts, leases,

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or other legal agreements, to carry out this Act (except that a contract, lease, or other legal agreement made or entered into by the Commission shall not extend beyond the date of termination of the Commission).

- (2) LIMITATION.—The Commission may not purchase real property.
- (e) POSTAL SERVICES.—The Commission may use the United
 States mails in the same manner and under the same conditions
 as other agencies of the Federal Government.
- (f) GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Commission may— (1) provide grants in amounts not to exceed \$20,000 per grant to communities and nonprofit organizations for use in developing programs to assist in the commemoration;
- (2) provide grants to research and scholarly organizations to research, publish, or distribute information relating to the arrival of Africans in the United States; and
- (3) provide technical assistance to States, localities, and nonprofit organizations to further the commemoration.

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SEC. 6. COMMISSION PERSONNEL MATTERS.

(a) COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS.—

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- (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), a member of the Commission shall serve without compensation.
- (2) FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—A member of the Commission who is an officer or employee of the Federal Government shall serve without compensation other than the compensation received for the services of the member as an officer or employee of the Federal Government.
- (b) TRAVEL EXPENSES.—A member of the Commission shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at rates authorized for an employee of an agency under subchapter I of chapter 57 of title 5, United States Code, while away from the home or regular place of business of the member in the performance of the duties of the Commission.
 - (c) DIRECTOR AND STAFF.—
 - (1) IN GENERAL.—The Chairperson of the Commission may, without regard to the civil service laws (including regulations), nominate an executive director to enable the Commission to perform the duties of the Commission.
 - (2) CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.—The employment of an executive director shall be subject to confirmation by the Commission.
 - (d) COMPENSATION.—
 - (1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the Commission may fix the compensation of the executive director and other personnel without regard to the provisions of chapter 51 and subchapter III of chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code, relating to classification of positions and General Schedule pay rates.
 - (2) MAXIMUM RATE OF PAY.—The rate of pay for the executive director and other personnel shall not exceed the rate payable for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of title 5, United States Code.
 - (e) DETAIL OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—
 - (1) FEDERAL EMPLOYEES.—
 - (A) DETAIL.—At the request of the Commission, the head of any Federal agency may detail, on a reimbursable or nonreimbursable basis, any of the personnel of the agency to the Commission to assist the Commission in carrying out the duties of the Commission under this Act.

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- (B) reimburse the State for services of detailed personnel.
- (f) PROCUREMENT OF TEMPORARY AND INTERMITTENT SERV-ICES.—The Chairperson of the Commission may procure temporary and intermittent services in accordance with section 3109(b) of title 5, United States Code, at rates for individuals that do not exceed the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay prescribed for level V of the Executive Schedule under section 5316 of such title.

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- (g) VOLUNTEER AND UNCOMPENSATED SERVICES.—Notwithstanding section 1342 of title 31, United States Code, the Commission may accept and use such voluntary and uncompensated services as the Commission determines to be necessary.
 - (h) SUPPORT SERVICES.—
 - (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall provide to the Commission, on a reimbursable basis, such administrative support services as the Commission may request.
 - (2) REIMBURSEMENT.—Any reimbursement under this paragraph shall be credited to the appropriation, fund, or account used for paying the amounts reimbursed.
- (i) NO EFFECT ON AUTHORITY.—Nothing in this section supersedes the authority of the National Park Service with respect to the commemoration.

SEC. 7. PLANS; REPORTS.

- (a) STRATEGIC PLAN.—The Commission shall prepare a strategic plan for the activities of the Commission carried out under this Act.
- (b) FINAL REPORT.—Not later than July 1, 2020, the Commission shall complete and submit to Congress a final report that contains—
 - (1) a summary of the activities of the Commission;
 - (2) a final accounting of funds received and expended by the Commission; and
 - (3) the findings and recommendations of the Commission.

SEC. 8. TERMINATION OF COMMISSION.

- (a) DATE OF TERMINATION.—The Commission shall terminate on July 1, 2020.
- (b) TRANSFER OF DOCUMENTS AND MATERIALS.—Before the date of termination specified in subsection (a), the Commission shall transfer all documents and materials of the Commission to the National Archives or another appropriate Federal entity.

SEC. 9. EXPENDITURES OF COMMISSION.

All expenditures of the Commission shall be made solely from donated funds.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate.

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But, remember that the 400 years living in the North American Continent had to expire; this was the time when there may have been limitations of our prayers being heart and answered, but no longer!

This position prior to the 400 years was never meant to be *permanent*.

** This is important to note; I kings 8th and 9th Chapter tells us that any Hebrew Israelite has the RIGHT to pray to Yah of Hosts from the land of captivity/slavery and be heard by Yah in Heaven ****

Now we have proof from the US Government that the 400 years spoken by Yah in Genesis 15th chapter has finally arrived, and we have crossed over the threshold of 400 years!

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Now for a limited time our prayers can be heard;

Who of our people will positively take advantage of this soul saving opportunity, with all their hearts and souls?

Once again, Yah of Hosts is ready to hear His people's prayers
HEAR ISRAEL MY PEOPLE PRAYER

Ezekiel 36 Living Bible

"Son of (dust or man), prophesy to Israel's mountains. Tell them: 'Listen to this message from Yah of Hosts All-Powerful.

² "Your enemies have sneered at you and claimed your ancient heights as theirs; ³ they have destroyed you on every side and sent you away as slaves to many lands.

You are mocked and slandered. ⁴ Therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of Yah of Hosts All-PowerfulGod.

He says to the hills and mountains, dales = (Gorges) and valleys, and to the ruined farms and the long-deserted cities, destroyed and mocked by heathen nations all around:

⁵ My anger is afire against these nations, especially Edom, for grabbing my land with relish, in utter contempt for me, to take it for themselves.'

⁶ "Therefore prophesy and say to the hills and mountains, dales and valleys of Israel: 'This is what Yah of Hosts All-PowerfulGod says! I am full of fury because you suffered shame before the surrounding nations.

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

⁷ Therefore, I have sworn with hand held high that those nations are going to have their turn of being covered with shame, ⁸ but for Israel good times will return.

There will be heavy crops of fruit to prepare for my people's return—and they will be coming home again soon! ⁹ See, I am for you, and I will come and help you as you prepare the ground and sow your crops.

¹⁰ I will greatly increase your population throughout all Israel, and the ruined cities will be rebuilt and filled with people. ¹¹ Not only the people, but your flocks and herds will also greatly multiply.

O mountains of Israel, again you will be filled with homes. I will do even more for you than I did before. Then you shall know I am Yah of Hosts All-Powerful.

¹² My people will walk upon you once again, and you will belong to them again; and you will no longer be a place for burning their children on idol altars."

¹³ Yah of Hosts All-Powerful God says: "Now the other nations taunt you, saying, 'Israel is a land that devours her people!' ¹⁴ But they will not say this anymore.

Your birthrate will rise, and your infant mortality rate will drop off sharply," says Yah of Hosts All-Powerful.

¹⁵ "No longer will those heathen nations sneer, for you will no longer be a nation of sinners," Yah of Hosts All-Powerful God says.

¹⁶ Then this further word came to me from Yah of Hosts All-Powerful:

<u>Isaiah 44:</u>8

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

- ¹⁷ "Son of dust (or man), when the people of Israel were living in their own country, they defiled it by their evil deeds; to me their worship was as foul as filthy rags. [a]
- ¹⁸ They polluted the land with murder and with the worshiping of idols, so I poured out my fury upon them. ¹⁹ And I exiled them to many lands; that is how I punished them for the evil way they lived.
- ²⁰ But when they were scattered out among the nations, then they were blight upon my holy name because the nations said,
- 'These are the people of Yah and he couldn't protect them from harm!'
- ²¹ I am concerned about my reputation that was ruined by my people throughout the world.
- ²² "Therefore say to the people of Israel, 'Yah of Hosts All-PowerfulGod says: I am bringing you back again, but not because you deserve it;

I am doing it to protect my holy name, which you tarnished among the nations.

- ²³ I will honor my great name, that you defiled, and the people of the world shall know I am Yah of Hosts All-Powerful. I will be honored before their eyes by delivering you from exile among them. ^[b]
- ²⁴ For I will bring you back home again to the land of Israel.
- ²⁵ "Then it will be as though I had sprinkled clean water on you, for you will be clean—your filthiness will be washed away, your idol worship gone.

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other $[^L$ Is there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

And I will give you a new heart—I will give you new and right desires—and put a new spirit within you. I will take out your stony hearts of sin and give you new hearts of love. [c] 27 And I will put my Spirit within you so that you will obey my laws and do whatever I command.

²⁸ "And you shall live in Israel, the land which I gave your fathers long ago.

And you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

²⁹ I will cleanse away your sins. <u>I will abolish crop failures and famine</u>.

O my people Israel, be utterly ashamed of all that you have done!"

³⁰ I will give you huge harvests from your fruit trees and fields, and never again will the surrounding nations be able to scoff at your land for its famines.

³¹ Then you will remember your past sins and loathe yourselves for all the evils you did.

³² But always remember this: <u>It is not for your own sakes that I will</u> <u>do this</u>, but for mine.

³³ Yah of Hosts All-Powerful God says:

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

"When I cleanse you from your sins, I will bring you home again to Israel, and rebuild the ruins.

Then the nations all around—<u>all those still left</u>—<u>will know that I, Yah of Hosts All-Powerful, rebuilt the ruins and planted lush crops in the wilderness.</u>

For I, Yah of Hosts All-Powerful, have promised it, and I will do it."

Yah of Hosts All-PowerfulGod says: "I am ready to hear Israel's prayers for these blessings and to grant them their requests.

Let them but ask, and I will multiply them like the flocks that fill Jerusalem's streets at the time of sacrifice. The ruined cities will be crowded once more, and everyone will know I am Yah of Hosts All-Powerful."

Footnotes

- 1. Ezekiel 36:17 as filthy rags, literally, "as a menstruous cloth."
- 2. Ezekiel 36:23 by delivering you from exile among them, implied.
- 3. Ezekiel 36:26 hearts of love, literally, "hearts of flesh," in contrast to "hearts of stone."

³⁴ Acreage will be cultivated again that through the years of exile lay empty as a barren wilderness; all who passed by were shocked to see the extent of ruin in your land.

³⁵ But when I bring you back, they will say, 'This God-forsaken land has become like Eden's garden! The ruined cities are rebuilt and walled and filled with people!'

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

Isaiah 65:24

I'll anticipate their **prayers** and respond before they know it; even as they speak, I will **hear**.

Yes, even though you offer many prayers,

I will not be listening. Your hands are full of blood!

16 "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean;
Get your evil deeds out of My sight.

Stop doing evil,

Learn to do good.
Seek justice,
Rebuke the ruthless,
Defend the fatherless,

Plead for the [rights of the] widow [in court].

<u>"Let Us Reason"</u> betroth; - be engaged

¹⁸ "Come now, and let us reason together," Says Yah of Hosts.

"[a] Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow;

Though they are red like crimson, They shall be like wool.

19 "If you are willing and obedient,

You shall eat the best of the land;

²⁰ But if you refuse and rebel,

You shall be devoured by the sword." For the mouth of Yah of Hosts has spoken.

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other $[^L$ Is there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

Zion Corrupted, to Be Redeemed

²¹ How the faithful city has become a prostitute [idolatrous, despicable],

She who was full of justice!

Right standing with Yah once lodged in her, But now <u>murderers</u>.

²² Your silver has turned to ^[b]lead, Your wine is diluted with water.

²³ Your rulers are rebels And companions of thieves;

Everyone loves bribes And chases after gifts.

They do not defend the fatherless, Nor does the widow's cause come before them [instead they delay or turn a deaf ear].

Therefore Yah of Hosts GOD,

The Mighty One of Israel, declares:

"Ah, I will be freed of My adversaries And avenge Myself on My enemies.

²⁵ "And I will turn My hand against you, And will [thoroughly] purge away your dross as with lye

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

And remove all your tin (impurity).

²⁶ "Then I will restore your judges as at the first, And your counselors as at the beginning; Afterward you will be called the city of righteousness, The faithful city."

²⁷ Zion will be redeemed with justice

And her repentant ones with righteousness.

²⁸ But rebels and sinners will be crushed *and* destroyed together, And those who abandon (turn away from) Yah of Hosts will be consumed (perish).

For you will be ashamed [of the degradation] of the oaks in which you took [idolatrous] pleasure,

And you will be ashamed of the gardens [of passion] which you have chosen [for pagan worship].

For you will be like an oak whose leaf withers *and* dies And like a garden that has no water.

The strong man will become tinder, And his work a spark. So both will burn together And there will be none to quench them.

Footnotes

1. <u>Isaiah 1:18</u> There was a legend among the rabbis that on the Day of Atonement a scarlet woolen thread was tied to the door of the temple, and when the scapegoat reached the wilderness (Lev 16:10), if the sins of Israel were forgiven the thread would miraculously turn white.

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

2. <u>Isaiah 1:22</u> Lit *galena*.

Everyone will know when the following scripture comes into full force, that we have received a pardon:

I am saying that You will know that the Pardon has begun when this happens:

Isaiah 65:22

They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: **for as the days of a tree are the days of my people**, and **mine elect** shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

Trees have lived for over a thousand years!

Additionally:

How ARE WE SUPPOSED TO PRAY

Daniel the Prophet Prays <u>Daniel 9:20</u> Gabriel Brings an Answer

While I was still <u>speaking and praying</u>, and <u>confessing my sin</u> and <u>the</u> <u>sin of my people Israel</u>, and <u>presenting my supplication</u> before <u>Yah of Hosts my God</u> in <u>behalf of the holy mountain of my God</u>,

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

Ezra 10:1

Reconciliation with Yah

Now while Ezra was <u>praying</u> and <u>confessing</u>, <u>weeping</u> and laying himself face down before the house of Yah, a very large group from Israel, of men, women, and children, <u>gathered to him</u>, for the people wept bitterly.

Nehemiah 1:6

Please let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open to hear the prayer of Your servant which I am praying before You, <u>day and night</u>, <u>on behalf</u> <u>of Your servants</u>, the sons (descendants) of Israel (Jacob), <u>confessing</u> the sins of the sons of Israel which <u>we</u> have committed against You; I and my father's house have sinned.

Hosea 14:2

Take the words [confessing your guilt] with you and return to Yah of Hosts. Say to Him, "Take away all our wickedness; Accept what is good and receive us graciously, So that we may present the fruit of our lips/lips (gratitude).

1 Kings 8:33 King James Version

Solomon's Temple dedication prayer in 1 Kings 8th Chapter 33rd verse; acceptance from Yah of Hosts is in 1 Kings 9th Chapter

³³ When your people Israel be smitten/beaten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against you,

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

and shall turn again to you, and confess your name, and pray, and make supplication unto you in this house:

Acceptance

Nehemiah 9 King James Version

Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and earth upon them. ² And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities/sins of their fathers. AMP

The descendants of Israel (Jacob) separated themselves from all foreigners, and stood and confessed their sins and the wrongdoings of their fathers.

CEB

After the Israelites separated themselves from all of the foreigners, they stood to confess their sins and the terrible behavior of their ancestors.

CEV

They refused to let foreigners join them, as they met to confess their sins and the sins of their ancestors.

EXB

•Those people whose ancestors were from Israel [Lambda The seed of Israel] had separated themselves from all foreigners. They stood and confessed their sins and their ancestors' •sins [iniquities].

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other $[^L$ Is there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

GNT

On the twenty-fourth day of the same month the people of Israel gathered to fast in order to show sorrow for their sins. They had already separated themselves from all foreigners. They wore sackcloth and put dust on their heads as signs of grief. Then they stood and began to confess the sins that they and their ancestors had committed.

MSG

Then on the twenty-fourth day of this month, the People of Israel gathered for a fast, wearing burlap and faces smudged with dirt as signs of repentance.

The Israelites broke off all relations with foreigners, stood up, and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their parents. While they stood there in their places, they read from the Book of The Revelation of Yah, their God, for a quarter ¼ of the day.

For another quarter ¼ of the day they confessed and worshiped their God.

1 Kings 14:22

And Judah did evil in the sight of Yah of Hosts, and they provoked him to jealousy with their **sin**s which they had committed, above all that their **fathers** had done.

CJB

Let your ear now be attentive and your eyes be open, so that you will listen to the prayer of your servant, which I am praying before you these days, day and night, for the people of Isra'el your servants — even as I confess the sins of the people of Isra'el that we have committed against you. Yes, I and my father's house have sinned.

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

Nehemiah 1:6

Let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against

What (Position) did our forefather pray to Yahweh in; and this also is how we should pray to Yah today.

Exodus 9:29

And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will **spread** abroad my **hands** unto Yah of Hosts; and the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that you may know how that the earth is Yah of Host's.

Exodus 9:33

And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and **spread** abroad his **hands** unto Yah of Hosts: and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth.

1 Kings 8:22

And Solomon stood before the altar of Yah of Hosts in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven:

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

The Entire Prayer of King Solomon

1 Kings 8 Living Bible THE PROPOSAL

Then Solomon called a convocation at Jerusalem of all the leaders of Israel—the heads of the tribes and clans—to observe the transferring of the Ark of the Covenant of Yahweh from the Tabernacle in Zion, the City of David, to the Temple.

- ² This celebration occurred at the time of the Tabernacle Festival in the month of October.
- ³⁻⁴ During the festivities the priests carried the Ark to the Temple, along with all the <u>sacred vessels</u> that had previously been in the Tabernacle. ⁵ King Solomon and all the people gathered before the Ark, sacrificing uncounted sheep and oxen.
- ⁶ Then the priests took the Ark into the inner sanctuary of the Temple—the Most Holy Place—and placed it under the wings of the statues of the Guardian Angels.
- ⁷ The Angels had been constructed in such a manner that their wings spread out over the spot where the Ark would be placed; so now their wings overshadowed the Ark and its carrying poles.
- ⁸ The poles were so long that they stuck out past the Angels and could be seen from the next room, but not from the outer court; and they remain there to this day.
- ⁹ There was nothing in the Ark at that time except the two stone tablets that Moses had placed there at Mount Horeb at the time Yahweh made his covenant with the people of Israel after they left Egypt.

<u>Isaiah 44:8</u>

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other $[^L$ Is there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

- ¹⁰Look! As the priests are returning from the inner sanctuary, a bright cloud fills the Temple! ¹¹ The priests have to go outside because the glory of Yahweh is filling the entire building!
- ¹²⁻¹³ Now King Solomon prayed this invocation:
- "Yahweh has said that he would live in the thick darkness; But, O Yah of Hosts, I have built you a lovely home on earth, a place for you to live forever."
- ¹⁴ Then the king turned around and faced the people as they stood before him, and blessed them.
- ¹⁵ "Blessed be Yahweh God of Israel," he said, "who has done today what he promised my father David: ¹⁶ for he said to him,
- 'When I brought my people from Egypt, I didn't appoint a place for my Temple, but I appointed a man to be my people's leader.'
- ¹⁷ This man was my father David. He wanted to build a Temple for Yahweh God of Israel, ¹⁸ but Yahweh told him not to.
- 'I am glad you want to do it,' he said, ¹⁹ 'but your son is the one who shall build my Temple.'
- ²⁰ And now Yahweh has done what he promised; for I have followed my father as king of Israel, and now this Temple has been built for Yahweh God of Israel.
- ²¹ And I have prepared a place in the Temple for the Ark that contains **the covenant** made by Yahweh with our fathers, at the time that he brought them out of the land of Egypt."

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

- ²²⁻²³ Then, as all the people watched, Solomon stood before the altar of Yahweh with his hands spread out *toward heaven* and said,
- "O Yah of Hosts God of Israel, there is no god like you in heaven or earth, for you are loving and kind and you keep your promises to your people if they do their best to do your will.
- ²⁴ Today you have fulfilled your promise to my father David, who was your servant; ²⁵ and now, O Yah of Hosts God of Israel, fulfill your <u>further promise to him</u>: that if his descendants follow your ways and try to do your will as he did, <u>one of them shall always sit upon the throne of Israel</u>.
- ²⁶ Yes, O God of Israel, fulfill this promise too.
- ²⁷ "*But is it possible that Yah would really live on earth?* Why, even the skies and the highest heavens cannot contain you, much less this Temple I have built! ²⁸ And yet, O Yah of Hosts my God, you have heard and answered my request:

Again the proposal:

- ²⁹ <u>Please watch over this Temple night and day</u>—this place you have promised to live in—and as I face toward the Temple and pray, whether by night or by day, *please listen to me and answer my requests*.
- Listen to every plea of the people of Israel whenever they face this place to pray; yes, hear in heaven where you live, and when you hear, forgive.
- ³¹ "If a man is accused of doing something wrong and then, standing here before your altar, swears that he didn't do it, ³² hear him in heaven and do what is right; judge whether or not he did it.

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

33-34 "And when your people sin and their enemies defeat them, hear them from heaven and forgive them if they turn to you again and confess that you are their God. Bring them back again to this land which you have given to their fathers.

³⁵⁻³⁶ "And when **the skies are shut up and there is no rain** because of their sin, hear them from heaven and forgive them when they pray toward this place and confess your name.

And after you have punished them, help them to follow the good ways in which they should walk, and send rain upon the land that you have given your people.

37 "If there is a famine in the land caused by plant disease or locusts or caterpillars, or if Israel's enemies besiege one of her cities, or if the people are struck by an epidemic or plague—or whatever the problem is—³⁸ then when the people realize their sin and pray toward this Temple, ³⁹ hear them from heaven and forgive and answer all who have made an honest confession; for you know each heart.

⁴¹⁻⁴² "And when foreigners hear of your great name and come from distant lands to worship you (for they shall hear of your great name and mighty miracles) and pray toward this Temple, ⁴³ hear them from heaven and answer their prayers.

And all the nations of the earth will know and fear your name just as your own people Israel do; and all the earth will know that this is your Temple.

⁴⁰ In this way they will always learn to reverence you as they continue to live in this land that you have given their fathers.

<u>Isaiah 44:8</u>

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

⁴⁴ "When you send your people out to battle against their enemies and they pray to you, looking toward your chosen city of Jerusalem and toward this Temple that I have built in your name, ⁴⁵ hear their prayer and help them.

⁴⁶ "If they sin against you (and who doesn't?) and you become angry with them and let their enemies <u>lead them</u> away as captives to some foreign land, whether far or near, ⁴⁷ and they come to their senses and turn to you and cry to you saying,

'We have sinned, we have done wrong'; ⁴⁸ if they **honestly** return to you **and pray toward this land that you have given their fathers**, and toward this city of Jerusalem that you have chosen, and toward this Temple that I have built for your name,

⁴⁹ hear their prayers and pleadings *from heaven* <u>where</u> <u>you live</u>, and come to their assistance.

⁵⁰ "Forgive your people for all of their evil deeds, and make their captors merciful to them; ⁵¹ for they are your people—your inheritance that you brought out from the Egyptian furnace.

⁵² May your eyes be open and your ears listening to their pleas. O Yah of Hosts, hear and answer them whenever they cry out to you,

⁵³ for when you brought our fathers out of the land of Egypt, you told your servant Moses that you had chosen Israel

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other $[^L$ Is there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

<u>from among all the nations of the earth</u> to be your own special people."

- ⁵⁴⁻⁵⁵ Solomon had been kneeling with his hands outstretched toward heaven. As he finished this prayer, he rose from before the altar of Jehovah and cried out this blessing upon all the people of Israel:
- ⁵⁶ "Blessed be Yahweh who has fulfilled his promise and given rest to his people Israel; not one word has failed of all the wonderful promises proclaimed by his servant Moses.
- ⁵⁷ May Yahweh our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never forsake us.
- ⁵⁸ May he give us the desire to do his will in everything, and to obey all the commandments and instructions he has given our ancestors.
- ⁵⁹ And may these words of my prayer be constantly before him day and night, so that he helps me and all of Israel in accordance with our daily needs.
- ⁶⁰ May people all over the earth know that Yahweh is God and that there is no other god at all.
- ⁶¹O my people, may you live good and perfect lives before Yahweh our God; may you always obey his laws and commandments, just as you are doing today."
- ⁶²⁻⁶³ Then the king and all the people dedicated the Temple by sacrificing peace offerings to Yahweh—a total of 22,000 oxen and 120,000 sheep and goats!

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

1 Kings 9 Living Bible THE ACCEPTANCE by Yahweh

When Solomon had finished building the Temple and the palace and all the other buildings he had always wanted, ²⁻³ Yahweh appeared to him the second time (the first time had been at Gibeon) and said to him, "I have heard your prayer. I have hallowed this Temple that you have built and have put my name here forever.

I will constantly watch over it and rejoice in it. ⁴ And if you live in honesty and truth as your father David did, always obeying me, ⁵ then I will cause your descendants to be the kings of Israel forever, just as I promised your father David when I told him,

'One of your sons shall always be upon the throne of Israel.'

⁶⁴ As a temporary measure the king sanctified the court in front of the Temple for the burnt offerings, grain offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings: for the bronze altar was too small to handle so much.

⁶⁵ The celebration lasted for fourteen days, and a great crowd came from one end of the land to the other.

⁶⁶ Afterwards Solomon sent the people home, happy for all the goodness that Yahweh had shown to his servant David and to his people Israel. And they blessed the king.

⁶ "However, if you or your children turn away from me and worship other gods and do not obey my laws, ⁷ then I will take away the people of Israel from this land that I have given them.

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

I will take them from this Temple which I have hallowed for my name, and I will cast them out of my sight; **and Israel will become a joke to the nations** and an example **and proverb** [Proverb means = Called bad names] of sudden disaster.

¹⁰ At the end of the twenty years during which Solomon built the Temple and the palace, ¹¹⁻¹² he gave twenty cities in the land of Galilee to King Hiram of Tyre as payment for all the cedar and cypress lumber and gold he had furnished for the construction of the palace and Temple.

Hiram came from Tyre to see the cities, but he wasn't at all pleased with them.

⁸ This Temple will become a heap of ruins, and everyone passing by will be amazed and will whistle with astonishment, asking, 'Why has Yahweh done such things to this land and this Temple?'

⁹ And the answer will be, 'The people of Israel abandoned Yahweh their God who brought them out of the land of Egypt; they worshiped other gods instead. That is why Yahweh has brought this evil upon them."

¹³ "What sort of deal is this, my brother?" he asked. "These cities are a wasteland!" (And they are still known as "The Wasteland" today.)

¹⁴ For Hiram had sent gold to Solomon valued at \$3,500,000!

¹⁵ Solomon had conscripted forced labor to build the Temple, his palace, Fort Millo, the wall of Jerusalem, and the cities of Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer.

<u>Isaiah 44:</u>8

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other $[^L$ Is there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

- ¹⁶ Gezer was the city the king of Egypt conquered and burned, killing the Israeli population; later he had given the city to his daughter as a dowry—she was one of Solomon's wives.
- ¹⁷⁻¹⁸ So now Solomon rebuilt Gezer along with Lower Beth-horon, Baalath, and Tamar, a desert city. ¹⁹ He also built cities for grain storage, cities in which to keep his chariots, cities for homes for his cavalry and chariot drivers, and resort cities near Jerusalem and in the Lebanon mountains and elsewhere throughout the land.
- ²⁰⁻²¹ Solomon conscripted his labor forces from those who survived in the nations he conquered—the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites.

For the people of Israel had not been able to wipe them out completely at the time of the invasion and conquest of Israel, <u>and they continue as slaves even today</u>.

- ²² Solomon didn't conscript any *Israelites* for this work, although they became soldiers, officials, army officers, chariot commanders, and cavalrymen.
- ²³ And there were 550 men of Israel who were overseers of the labor forces.

Miscellaneous Notes:

²⁴ King Solomon moved Pharaoh's daughter from the City of David—the old sector of Jerusalem—to the new quarters he had built for her in the palace. Then he built Fort Millo.

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- ²⁵ After the Temple was completed, Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings three times a year on the altar he had built. And he also burned incense upon it.
- ²⁶ King Solomon had a shipyard in Ezion-geber near Eloth on the Red Sea in the land of Edom, where he built a fleet of ships.
- ²⁷⁻²⁸ King Hiram supplied experienced sailors to accompany Solomon's crews. They used to sail back and forth from Ophir, bringing gold to King Solomon, the total value of which was several million dollars each trip.

Another version of 1 Kings 9th Chapter

Showing the differences between the two translations to help us under/over stand

1 Kings 9 Amplified Bible

Yah's Promise and Warning

Now it happened when Solomon had finished building the house (temple) of Yahweh and the king's house (palace), and all else which he was pleased to do, ² that Yahweh appeared to Solomon a second time, just as He had appeared to him ^[a]at Gibeon.

- ³ Yahweh told him, "I have heard your prayer and supplication which you have made before Me; I have consecrated this house which you have built by putting My Name *and* My Presence there forever. My eyes and My heart shall be there perpetually.
- ⁴ As for you, if you walk (live your life) before Me, as David your father walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, acting in accordance

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with everything that I have commanded you, and will keep My statutes and My precepts,

and I will cast out of My sight the house which I have consecrated for My Name *and* Presence.

Then Israel will become a proverb (a saying) and a byword (object of ridicule) among all the peoples. ⁸ This house (temple) will become a heap of ruins; everyone who passes by will be appalled and ^[b]sneer and say,

'Why has Yahweh done such a thing to this land and to this house?'

⁹ And they [who know] will say, 'Because they abandoned Yahweh their God, who brought their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and they have chosen other gods and have worshiped and served them; that is the reason Yahweh has brought on them all this adversity."

Cities Given to Hiram

⁵ then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, just as I promised your father David, saying,

^{&#}x27;You shall not be without a man (descendant) on the throne of Israel.'

⁶ "But if you or your sons turn away from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them, ⁷ then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them,

¹⁰ Now at the end of twenty years, in which Solomon had built the two houses, the temple of Yahweh and the palace of the king ¹¹ (Hiram king

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of Tyre had supplied Solomon with as much cedar and cypress timber [from Lebanon] and gold as he desired), at that time King Solomon gave Hiram ^[c]twenty cities in the land of Galilee (northern Israel).

- ¹² So Hiram came from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him, and they ^[d]did not please him.
- ¹³ He said, "What are these cities [good for] which you have given me, my brother?" So they have been called the land of Cabul (like nothing, unproductive) to this day. ¹⁴ And Hiram sent to the king 120 talents of gold.
- ¹⁵ Now this is the account of the forced labor which King Solomon conscripted to build the house of Yahweh, his own house, the ^[e]Millo (fortification), the wall of Jerusalem, [and the fortress cities of] Hazor, Megiddo, and Gezer.
- ¹⁶ For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up and taken Gezer, burned it with fire and killed the Canaanites who lived in the city, and he had given it as a dowry to his daughter, Solomon's wife.
- ¹⁷ So Solomon rebuilt [and fortified] Gezer and Lower Beth-horon, ¹⁸ Baalath and ^[f]Tamar in the wilderness, in the land *of Judah*, ¹⁹ and all the storage cities [for surplus provisions] which Solomon had,

and the cities for his chariots and cities for his horsemen, and whatever it pleased Solomon to build ^[g]in Jerusalem, in Lebanon, and in all the land under his rule.

²⁰ As for all the people who were left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, who were not of the sons (descendants) of Israel,

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- ²¹ their children who were left after them in the land, whom the Israelites were unable to completely destroy, from them Solomon levied (conscripted) forced laborers, even to this day (the date of this writing).
- ²² But Solomon did not make slaves of the sons of Israel; for they were men of war (soldiers), his servants, his officers, his captains, his chariot commanders, and his horsemen.
- ²³ These were the chief officers who were over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, who ruled over the people doing the work.
- ²⁴ As soon as Pharaoh's daughter came up from the City of David to her house which Solomon had built for her, then he built the Millo (fortification).
- ²⁵ Three times a year [during the ^[h]major annual festivals] Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings on the altar he had built to Yahweh, and he burned incense with them before Yahweh. So he finished the house [of Yahweh].
- ²⁶ King Solomon built a fleet of ships in Ezion-geber, which is near Eloth on the shore of the Red Sea (Sea of Reeds), **in the land of Edom**.
- ²⁷ And Hiram [king of Tyre] sent his servants with the fleet, sailors who knew the sea, along with the servants of Solomon.
- ²⁸ They came to ^[i]Ophir and took four hundred and twenty talents of gold from there, and brought it to King Solomon.

Footnotes

- 1. 1 Kings 9:2 See 3:4-15.
- 2. 1 Kings 9:8 Or hiss.

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- 3. <u>1 Kings 9:11</u> These cities were either sold to Hiram in exchange for the gold or used as collateral for a loan of the gold (v 14).
- 4. <u>1 Kings 9:12</u> Lit were not right in his eyes.
- 5. <u>1 Kings 9:15</u> The exact nature of the Millo is unclear, but most scholars believe it was some sort of military fortification such as a tower, a citadel, a significant part of a wall or even an earth-fill or terraced hillside. It was located on the eastern side of the City of David. It was later repaired by King Hezekiah.
- 6. 1 Kings 9:18 In 2 Chr 8:4 Tadmor.
- 7. <u>1 Kings 9:19</u> Because of Solomon's extensive building program and his extravagant expenditures, he resorted to forced labor and heavy taxation. These oppressive policies, combined with his son's lack of good judgment contributed to the division of Solomon's kingdom. Shortly after his death, his son King Rehoboam rebuffed the people's appeal for relief and declared his intention to add to their burdens (12:11).
- 8. 1 Kings 9:25 I.e. the Feasts of Passover, Pentecost, and Booths.
- 9. <u>1 Kings 9:28</u> The location of this wealthy trading port is a subject of debate among scholars and archeologists. Possible sites considered include Pakistan, India, Zimbabwe, Yemen, and other ports in Arabia and Africa.

Deuteronomy 12:31

You shall not behave this way toward Yahweh your God, for they have done for their gods every repulsive thing which Yahweh hates; for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire [as sacrifices] to their gods.

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other $[^L$ Is there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

Jeremiah 7:31

The people of Judah have built 'places of worship [Lhigh places; Sites associated with pagan worship or inappropriate worship of Yah;

Deut. 12] at Topheth in the Valley of Ben Hinnom [2 Kin. 23:10–11].

There they burned their own sons and daughters as sacrifices, something I never commanded.

It <u>never</u> even <u>entered</u> my <u>mind</u> [Lheart; Lev. 18:21; Deut. 12:31; 18:10].

Joel 1:14-20 Amplified Bible Starvation and Drought

14

Consecrate a fast, Proclaim a solemn assembly,

Gather the elders
And all the inhabitants of the land
To the house of Yah of Hosts your God,
And cry out to Yah of Hosts [in penitent pleadings].

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other $[^L$ Is there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

Alas for the day!

For the [judgment] day of Yah of Hosts is at hand, And it will come [upon the nation] as a destruction from the ^[c]Almighty.

Has not the food been cut off before our eyes, Joy and gladness from the house of our God?

The seeds [of grain] shrivel under the clods, The storehouses are desolate *and* empty, The barns are in ruins Because the grain is dried up.

18

How the animals groan!
The herds of cattle are bewildered *and* wander aimlessly Because they have no pasture;
Even the flocks of sheep suffer.

O YAH, I cry out to You, For fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness, And the flame has burned up all the trees of the field.

Even the wild animals pant [in longing] for You; For the water brooks are dried up And fire has consumed the pastures of the wilderness.

Footnotes

- 1. <u>Joel 1:1</u> Joel was a prophet of Judah, the Southern Kingdom, and possibly a contemporary of Elisha. After the united kingdom divided, the Kingdom of Judah consisted primarily of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin. Judah continued to be ruled by the kings of the Davidic line. Jerusalem was the capital city of Judah. The name "Joel" means "Yah of Hosts is God."
- 2. <u>Joel 1:8</u> A coarse cloth made from goat's hair. It was worn as a sign of mourning or as an act of penitence.
- 3. Joel 1:15 Heb Shaddai.

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Joel 2 The Voice

Eternal One: Blow the trumpet in Zion; signal the alarm from My holy mountain! It is almost here. Let all who live in the land tremble because the day of the Eternal One is coming.

Judgment will come on a black and fearful day; a thick cloud of darkness will loom over everything. A great and mighty army advances like dawn spreading across the mountains. Never has the world seen anything like it before, nor will future generations ever see anything like it again.

³ The army is like a fire, consuming everything in its path a scorching flame burning everything behind them.

The land before them is *sweet* like the garden of Eden. The land following—only a lonely desert; nothing is spared in judgment. ⁴ They look like horses *arrayed for battle*; they charge ahead like warhorses.

Like a mighty army maneuvering for battle.

each face grows as pale as a ghost.

Like *skilled* soldiers, they scale *city* walls;

Every man marches in formation, never leaving his rank.

⁵ They sound like clattering chariots racing over mountaintops, like a crackling fire engulfing stubble,

⁶ Seeing the result of Yah's judgment looming, the nations writhe in anguish;

⁷ They run like champions *into the fight*.

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

⁸ Organized—no soldier crowds another.

Independent—each man marches straight ahead.

Together—they are unstoppable as they break through the defenses and do not break off the attack.

⁹ They charge the city, scurry along its wall.

They swarm through windows into houses, like common thieves.

The **sun** and the **moon** become a void of **darkness**.

The stars lose their radiance too.

¹¹ The Eternal One shouts commands from the front line of His army; His forces are vast—uncountable mighty soldiers obey His command. The day of the Eternal One is great, fearsome indeed.

Who can survive?

¹² **Eternal One:** Even now, turn back your heart *and rededicate yourselves* to Me;

Show Me your repentance by fasting, weeping, and mourning.

Rip the wickedness out of your hearts; don't just tear your clothing.

Now return to the Eternal, your True God.

You already know He is gracious and compassionate.

He does not anger easily and maintains faithful love.

He is willing to relent and not harm you.

¹⁴ Who knows? Perhaps He will turn and relieve you *of this threat*, and leave behind some blessing as He goes—

Maybe enough grain and wine to offer

to the Eternal, your True God?

¹⁰ Before them the earth trembles and the heavens shake.

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion; set apart a time for fasting; tell everyone to be still and stop working.

¹⁶ Assemble the people. Consecrate the congregation.

Gather the elders and other leaders.

The young children, and even the nursing babies.

Let the bride and groom leave their chambers on their wedding night.

17 Let the priests, the Eternal's servants, stand between the porch and the altar

and weep as they intercede. Let them say,

Priests: Have pity on Your people, O Eternal One!

And do not let Your legacy—*Your covenant people*—
Be taunted and mocked by the nations,
who ask, "Where is their God?"

¹⁸ But wait—the Eternal One has become possessive of His land; He will restore us in compassion, His people!

¹⁹ In response to our prayers, the Eternal will answer:

Eternal One: Listen! I am sending you a great harvest of grain, wine, and oil.

You will be completely satisfied and no longer Will I make you a people held in contempt by the nations.

I will remove My armies who attack from the north far from your borders,

driving them into a parched and lonely desert.

Then I will separate them: the front line to the Dead Sea, the rear guard into the Mediterranean Sea with the vile stench of their rotting corpses rising up.

Surely the Eternal One has done great things!

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²¹ **<u>Do not fear</u>**, O land. *You have been revived*.

Celebrate and rejoice, for the Eternal One has done great things!

²² **Do not fear**, you wild beasts: You will eat again,

for the desert pastures are green again!

And so will we: the trees bear their fruit;

the fig trees and the vines produce their bounty once again.

²³ People of Zion, *shout with* joy and happiness in the Eternal, your God; *The drought is over;* He has sent the early *autumn* rain as *a sign of His* faithfulness.

He has poured down heavy rain, autumn and spring, as before.

- ²⁴ The threshing floors will be covered in grain; the vats will spill over with new wine and fresh oil.
- ²⁵ **Eternal One:** I will compensate you for the years that the locusts have eaten—the swarming locusts,

 The creeping locusts, the stripping locusts, and the cutting locusts—^[a]

 My great army that I unleashed against you.
- In that day, you will eat plenty of food and always have enough, so you will praise My name,

The Eternal One, your God who is merciful to you.

Never again will My people be shamed among the nations.

Return to Me and you will know that I live among My people Israel and that I, the Eternal One, am your God and there is no other.

Never again will My people be shamed among the nations.

Then in those days I will pour My Spirit to all humanity; your children will *boldly and* prophetically speak *the word of Yah*. Your elders will dream dreams; your young warriors will see visions.

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other $[^L$ Is there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

- No one will be left out. In those days I will offer My spirit to all servants, both male and female.
- In the heaven *above* and on the earth *below*,
 I will give signs *of My intervention*: blood, fire, and clouds of smoke.
- The sun will become a void of darkness, and the moon will become blood

just before the great and dreadful day of the Eternal One arrives.

Was the day of the Eternal One wonderful to long for or horrific to dread? For Joel, it is both. Each of the five times this day is mentioned, he expresses a different expectation.

In <u>Joel 1:15</u> the prophet signals distressing locust invasions, in <u>Joel 2:1</u> the day is filled with human invaders against Jerusalem, and in <u>Joel 2:11</u> it is a stunning event.

But in <u>Joel 2:31</u> the outlook begins to change. Not only is the earth transformed with the heavenly rains and Spirit of God, but also the celestial bodies cease to carry out their functions of giving light and setting seasons for the earth.

Both in <u>verse 31</u> and in <u>Joel 3:14</u>, the day of the Eternal is positive for Israel but ominous for all other nations. Now the tables have been turned, and Zion is not a mountain devoured by locusts and human armies.

It is a wonderful garden where the Eternal One meets constantly with His people, surrounded by abundant and perennial agriculture.

³² Then everyone who calls on the name of the Eternal One will be liberated. [b]

Mount Zion and Jerusalem will shelter those who survive *exile*, Just as the Eternal says, "Among those who survived, He will call them."

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

May Yah of Hosts, - the "I AM" touch each and every one of your hearts and souls as we Call a solemn assembly like what is spoken of in Joel 3rd Chapter in our day and time; I leave you with these scriptures recorded by of our forefather from the past;

Nehemiah 9 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition

Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month, the Israelites were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth and with earth upon their heads.

- ² And the Israelites separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers.
- ³ And they stood in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the Lord their God for a fourth of the day, and for another fourth of it they confessed and worshiped the Lord their God.
- ⁴On the stairs of the Levites stood Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Chenani, and they cried with a loud voice to the Lord their God.
- ⁵ Then the Levites—Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah—said, Stand up and bless the Lord your God from everlasting to everlasting. Blessed be Your glorious name which is exalted above all blessing and praise.
- ⁶ [And Ezra said], You are the Lord, You alone; You have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them; and You preserve them all, and the hosts of heaven worship You.

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

- ⁸ You found his heart faithful before You, and You made the covenant with him to give his descendants the land of the Canaanite, Hittite, Amorite, Perizzite, Jebusite, and Girgashite. And You have fulfilled Your promise, for You are just *and* righteous.
- ⁹ You saw our fathers' affliction in Egypt, and You heard their cry at the Red Sea.
- ¹⁰ You performed signs and wonders against Pharaoh and all his servants and all the people of his land, for You knew that they dealt insolently against the Israelites. And You got for Yourself a name, as it is today.
- ¹¹ You divided the sea before them, so that they went through its midst on dry land; their persecutors You threw into the depths, as a stone into mighty waters.
- ¹² Moreover, by a pillar of cloud You led them by day, and by a pillar of fire by night to light the way they should go.
- ¹³ You came down also upon Mount Sinai and spoke with them from Heaven and gave them right ordinances and true laws, good statutes and commandments.
- ¹⁴ And You made known to them Your holy Sabbath and gave them commandments, statutes, and a law through Moses Your servant.
- ¹⁵ You gave them bread from heaven for their hunger and brought water for them out of the rock for their thirst; and You told them to go in and possess the land You had sworn to give them.

⁷You are the Lord, the God Who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldees and gave him the name Abraham.

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

- ¹⁶ But they and our fathers acted presumptuously and stiffened their necks, and did not heed Your commandments.
- ¹⁷ They refused to obey, nor were they mindful of Your wonders *and* miracles which You did among them; but they stiffened their necks and in their rebellion appointed a captain, that they might return to their bondage [in Egypt]. But You are a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great steadfast love; and You did not forsake them.
- ¹⁸ Even when they had made for themselves a molten calf and said, This is your god, who brought you out of Egypt, and had committed great *and* contemptible blasphemies,
- ¹⁹ You in Your great mercy forsook them not in the wilderness; the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day to lead them in the way, nor the pillar of fire by night to light the way they should go.
- ²⁰ You also gave Your good Spirit to instruct them, and withheld not Your manna from them, and gave water for their thirst.
- ²¹ Forty years You sustained them in the wilderness; they lacked nothing, their clothes did not wear out, and their feet did not swell.
- ²² Also You gave them kingdoms and peoples and allotted to them every corner. So they possessed the land of Sihon king of Heshbon and the land of Og king of Bashan.
- ²³ Their children You also multiplied as the stars of heaven and brought them into the land which You told their fathers they should go in and possess.

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- ²⁴ So the descendants went in and possessed the land; and You subdued before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gave them into their hands, with their kings and the peoples of the land, that they might do with them as they would.
- ²⁵ And they captured fortified cities and a rich land and took possession of houses full of all good things, cisterns hewn out, vineyards, olive orchards, and fruit trees in abundance. So they ate and were filled and became fat and delighted themselves in Your great goodness.
- ²⁶ Yet they were disobedient and rebelled against You and cast Your law behind their back and killed Your prophets who accused *and* warned them to turn to You again; and they committed great *and* contemptible blasphemies.
- ²⁷ Therefore You delivered them into the hand of their enemies, who distressed them. In the time of their suffering when they cried to You, You heard them from heaven, and according to Your abundant mercy You gave them deliverers, who saved them from their enemies.
- ²⁸ But after they had rest, they did evil again before You; therefore You left them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had dominion over them. Yet when they turned and cried to You, You heard them from heaven, and many times You delivered them according to Your mercies,
- ²⁹ And reproved *and* warned them, that You might bring them again to Your law. Yet they acted presumptuously and did not heed Your commandments, but sinned against Your ordinances, which by keeping, a man shall live. And they turned a stubborn shoulder, stiffened their neck, and would not listen.

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other [List there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

Your people, since the time of the kings of Assyria to this day.

- ³³ However, You are just in all that has come upon us; for You have dealt faithfully, but we have done wickedly;
- ³⁴Our kings, our princes, our priests, and our fathers have not kept Your law or hearkened to Your commandments and Your warnings *and* reproofs which You gave them.
- ³⁵ They did not serve You in their kingdom, and in Your great goodness that You gave them and in the large and rich land You set before them, nor did they turn from their wicked works.
- ³⁶ Behold, we are slaves this day, and as for the land that You gave to our fathers to eat the fruit and the good of it, behold, we are slaves in it.
- And its rich yield goes to the kings whom You have set over us because of our sins; they have power also over our bodies and over our livestock at their pleasure. And we are in great distress.

³⁰ Yet You bore with them many years more and reproved *and* warned them by Your Spirit through Your prophets; still they would not listen. Therefore You gave them into the power of the peoples of the lands.

³¹ Yet in Your great mercies You did not utterly consume them or forsake them, for You are a gracious and merciful God.

³² Now therefore, our God, the great, mighty, and terrible God, Who keeps covenant and mercy *and* loving-kindness, <u>let not all the trouble</u> <u>and hardship seem little to You—the hardship that has come upon us, our kings, our princes, our priests, our prophets, our fathers, and on all</u>

Don't be afraid! Don't ·worry [fear]! ·I have always told you what will happen [Have I not proclaimed it long ago?]. You are my witnesses. ·There is no other $[^L$ Is there another...?] God but me. I know of no other Rock; I am the only One."

³⁸ Because of all this, we make a firm *and* sure written covenant, and our princes, Levites, and priests set their seal to it.

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Additionally,

Written in the Covenant is a counter offer to Yah (I am) for ALL of your sins to be pardoned; if this is something you desire, you can contact us through the Kingdom's website or send to my email at: mkyah@nventure.com

You can also download the Covenant with the instructions from our website for your convenience, remember that you KEEP the original and send to the Kingdom for record keeping a copy of the Autograph signature page to receive the seal of the Kingdom of Yah of Hosts's

Ambassador Michael Ward-Israel

Peace and Blessings!