

God's care over his vineyard

out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall despoil her blood, and shall no more cause her claim.

CHAPTER 27

1 In that day the Lord with his sword and great and strong sword shall punish Leviathan the piercing serpent, even Leviathan that croaketh as a serpent, and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.

2 In that day sing ye unto the Lord a new song of red-wine.

3 I the Lord do keep it, I will water it every moment, lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day.

4 Fury is not in me, who would set the thorns and thistles against me, in battle? I would go through thorns, I would burr them together.

5 O let mine enemy hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me, and he shall make peace with me.

6 He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root, Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.

7 ¶ He that smiteth him, as he smote those that smote him? who he slain according to the slaughter of them that are slain by him?

8 As a measure, when it shooteth forth, thou wilt debate with it, he shall stretch his rough wind in the day of the east-wind.

9 Because this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged, and this is all the fruit to take away his sin, when he maketh all the stones of the altar as chalkstones, that are beaten in sunder, the groves and images shall not stand up.

10 ¶ Let the fenced city shall be desolate, and the habitation forsaken, and left like a wilderness: there shall the self feed, and there shall he lie down, and consume the branches thereof.

11 When the boughs thereof are withered, they shall be broken off: the women come, and set them on fire, for it is a people of no understanding: therefore he that made them will not have mercy on them, and he that formed them will shew them no favour.

12 ¶ And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall beat off from the channel of the river

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unto the stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel.

13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the Lord in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 28

1 ¶ Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine!

2 Behold, the Lord hath a mighty and strong one, which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand.

3 ¶ The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet.

4 ¶ And the glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, and as the hasty fruit before the summer, which when he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he catcheth it up.

5 ¶ In that day shall the Lord of hosts bestow a crown of glory, and shall bestow a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people.

6 And for spirit of judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gates.

7 ¶ But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way, the priests and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are out of the way through strong drink, they are in vision, they stumble in judgment.

8 For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean.

9 ¶ Whom shall he teach knowledge, and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.

10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little.

ISAIAH 29

1 ¶ For with stammering lips, and another tongue will he speak to this people.

2 To whom he said, This is the rest, which ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing; yet they would not hear.

3 But the word of the Lord was unto them precept upon precept, line upon line; here a little, and there a little, that they might go, and fall backward, and be taken, and snared, and taken.

4 ¶ Wherefore hear the word of the Lord, ye scornful men, that rule this people, which is in Jerusalem.

5 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell, as we are at agreement, when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us, for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves.

6 ¶ Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.

7 Judgment also will I lay to the foundations; righteousness to the firmament, and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

8 ¶ And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand, when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.

9 From the time that it goeth forth, it shall take you for morning; by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night: and it shall be a vexation only to understand the report.

10 For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it, and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it.

11 For the Lord shall rise up as in mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do his work, his strange work, and bring to pass his act, his strange act.

12 Now therefore have ye not made, for your bands, be made strong, for I have heard from the Lord

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God of hosts a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth.

23 ¶ Give ye ear, and hear my voice; hearken and hear my speech.

24 Doth the plowman plow all day to sow? doth he open and break the clods of his ground?

25 When he hath made plain the face thereof, doth he not cast abroad the sitches, and scatter the cummin, and cast in the principal wheat, and the appointed barley and the rye in their place?

26 For his God doth instruct him to discretion, and doth teach him.

27 For the fitches are not threshed with a threshing instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned about upon the cummin; but the fitches are beaten out with a staff, and the cummin with a rod.

28 Asaad corn is bruised, because he will not crush he threshing it, nor break it with the wheel of his cart, nor bruise it with his horseman.

29 This also cometh forth from the Lord of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working.

CHAPTER 29

1 ¶ Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! shall he add sin upon sin, let them kill sacrifice.

2 Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow, and it shall be unto me as Ariel.

3 And I will camp against the round about, and will lay siege against thee with a mount, and I will raise forts against thee.

4 And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be as of one that hath a familiar spirit, with storm and tempest, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust.

5 Moreover the multitude of thy strangers shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones shall be as chaff that passeth away; ye shall be as an instant city.

6 Thou shalt be visited of the Lord of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.

7 ¶ And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all that fight against Jerusalem,

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