

# The TanakhML Project

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Isaiah 29-41

**29** <sup>1</sup> Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices. <sup>2</sup> Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow: and it shall be unto me as Ariel. <sup>3</sup> And I will camp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with a mount, and I will raise forts against thee. <sup>4</sup> 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, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust. <sup>5</sup> 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: yea, it shall be at an instant suddenly. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all that fight against her and her munition, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision. <sup>8</sup> It shall even be as when an hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion. <sup>9</sup> Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. <sup>10</sup> For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered. <sup>11</sup> And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it is sealed: <sup>12</sup> And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned. <sup>13</sup> Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men: <sup>14</sup> Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid. <sup>15</sup> Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us? <sup>16</sup> Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding? <sup>17</sup> Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest? <sup>18</sup> And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness. <sup>19</sup> The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. <sup>20</sup> For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off: <sup>21</sup> That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of nought. <sup>22</sup> Therefore thus saith the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale. <sup>23</sup> But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel. <sup>24</sup> They also that

erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine. **30** <sup>1</sup> Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin: <sup>2</sup> That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt! <sup>3</sup> Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion. <sup>4</sup> For his princes were at Zoan, and his ambassadors came to Hanes. <sup>5</sup> They were all ashamed of a people that could not profit them, nor be an help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach. <sup>6</sup> The burden of the beasts of the south: into the land of trouble and anguish, from whence come the young and old lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the bunches of camels, to a people that shall not profit them. <sup>7</sup> For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I cried concerning this, Their strength is to sit still. <sup>8</sup> Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever: <sup>9</sup> That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD: <sup>10</sup> Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits: <sup>11</sup> Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us. <sup>12</sup> Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon: <sup>13</sup> Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant. <sup>14</sup> And he shall break it as the breaking of the potters' vessel that is broken in pieces; he shall not spare: so that there shall not be found in the bursting of it a sherd to take fire from the hearth, or to take water withal out of the pit. <sup>15</sup> For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not. <sup>16</sup> But ye said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift. <sup>17</sup> One thousand shall flee at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five shall ye flee: till ye be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on an hill. <sup>18</sup> And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him. <sup>19</sup> For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no more: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee. <sup>20</sup> And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers: <sup>21</sup> And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left. <sup>22</sup> Ye shall defile also the covering of thy graven images of silver, and the ornament of thy molten images of gold: thou shalt cast them away as a menstruous cloth; thou shalt say unto it, Get thee hence. <sup>23</sup> Then shall he give the rain of thy seed, that thou shalt sow the ground withal; and bread of the increase of the earth, and it shall be fat and plenteous: in that day shall thy cattle feed in large pastures. <sup>24</sup> The oxen likewise and the young asses that ear the ground shall

eat clean provender, which hath been winnowed with the shovel and with the fan.  
<sup>25</sup> And there shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every high hill, rivers and streams of waters in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.  
<sup>26</sup> Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.  
<sup>27</sup> Behold, the name of the LORD cometh from far, burning with his anger, and the burden thereof is heavy: his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire: <sup>28</sup> And his breath, as an overflowing stream, shall reach to the midst of the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity: and there shall be a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing them to err. <sup>29</sup> Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come into the mountain of the LORD, to the mighty One of Israel.  
<sup>30</sup> And the LORD shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, and shall shew the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and with the flame of a devouring fire, with scattering, and tempest, and hailstones. <sup>31</sup> For through the voice of the LORD shall the Assyrian be beaten down, which smote with a rod.  
<sup>32</sup> And in every place where the grounded staff shall pass, which the LORD shall lay upon him, it shall be with tabrets and harps: and in battles of shaking will he fight with it. <sup>33</sup> For Tophet is ordained of old; yea, for the king it is prepared; he hath made it deep and large: the pile thereof is fire and much wood; the breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it. **31** <sup>1</sup> Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD! <sup>2</sup> Yet he also is wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back his words: but will arise against the house of the evildoers, and against the help of them that work iniquity. <sup>3</sup> Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall, and he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together. <sup>4</sup> For thus hath the LORD spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof. <sup>5</sup> As birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it. <sup>6</sup> Turn ye unto him from whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted. <sup>7</sup> For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made unto you for a sin. <sup>8</sup> Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be discomfited. <sup>9</sup> And he shall pass over to his strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign, saith the LORD, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem. **32** <sup>1</sup> Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment. <sup>2</sup> And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. <sup>3</sup> And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken. <sup>4</sup> The heart also of the rash

shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly. <sup>5</sup> The vile person shall be no more called liberal, nor the churl said to be bountiful. <sup>6</sup> For the vile person will speak villany, and his heart will work iniquity, to practise hypocrisy, and to utter error against the LORD, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail. <sup>7</sup> The instruments also of the churl are evil: he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words, even when the needy speaketh right. <sup>8</sup> But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand. <sup>9</sup> Rise up, ye women that are at ease; hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech. <sup>10</sup> Many days and years shall ye be troubled, ye careless women: for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come. <sup>11</sup> Tremble, ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones: strip you, and make you bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins. <sup>12</sup> They shall lament for the teats, for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine. <sup>13</sup> Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns and briers; yea, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city: <sup>14</sup> Because the palaces shall be forsaken; the multitude of the city shall be left; the forts and towers shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks; <sup>15</sup> Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest. <sup>16</sup> Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field. <sup>17</sup> And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever. <sup>18</sup> And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places; <sup>19</sup> When it shall hail, coming down on the forest; and the city shall be low in a low place. <sup>20</sup> Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass. **33** <sup>1</sup> Woe to thee that spoilest, and thou wast not spoiled; and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! when thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; and when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee. <sup>2</sup> O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble. <sup>3</sup> At the noise of the tumult the people fled; at the lifting up of thyself the nations were scattered. <sup>4</sup> And your spoil shall be gathered like the gathering of the caterpillar: as the running to and fro of locusts shall he run upon them. <sup>5</sup> The LORD is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness. <sup>6</sup> And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure. <sup>7</sup> Behold, their valiant ones shall cry without: the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly. <sup>8</sup> The highways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceaseth: he hath broken the covenant, he hath despised the cities, he regardeth no man. <sup>9</sup> The earth mourneth and languisheth: Lebanon is ashamed and hewn down: Sharon is like a wilderness; and Bashan and Carmel shake off their fruits. <sup>10</sup> Now will I rise, saith the LORD; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself. <sup>11</sup> Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble: your breath, as fire, shall devour you. <sup>12</sup> And the people shall be as the burnings of lime: as thorns cut up shall they be burned in the fire. <sup>13</sup> Hear, ye that are far off, what I have done; and, ye that are near, acknowledge my might. <sup>14</sup> The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? <sup>15</sup> He that walketh righteously,

and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; <sup>16</sup> He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure. <sup>17</sup> Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off. <sup>18</sup> Thine heart shall meditate terror. Where is the scribe? where is the receiver? where is he that counted the towers? <sup>19</sup> Thou shalt not see a fierce people, a people of a deeper speech than thou canst perceive; of a stammering tongue, that thou canst not understand. <sup>20</sup> Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken. <sup>21</sup> But there the glorious LORD will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby. <sup>22</sup> For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us. <sup>23</sup> Thy tacklings are loosed; they could not well strengthen their mast, they could not spread the sail: then is the prey of a great spoil divided; the lame take the prey. <sup>24</sup> And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity. **34** <sup>1</sup> Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it. <sup>2</sup> For the indignation of the LORD is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter. <sup>3</sup> Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcases, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood. <sup>4</sup> And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree. <sup>5</sup> For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment. <sup>6</sup> The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea. <sup>7</sup> And the unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness. <sup>8</sup> For it is the day of the LORD's vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion. <sup>9</sup> And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch. <sup>10</sup> It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever. <sup>11</sup> But the cormorant and the bittern shall possess it; the owl also and the raven shall dwell in it: and he shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion, and the stones of emptiness. <sup>12</sup> They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom, but none shall be there, and all her princes shall be nothing. <sup>13</sup> And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof: and it shall be an habitation of dragons, and a court for owls. <sup>14</sup> The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow; the screech owl also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest. <sup>15</sup> There shall the great owl make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow: there

shall the vultures also be gathered, every one with her mate. <sup>16</sup> Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read: no one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them. <sup>17</sup> And he hath cast the lot for them, and his hand hath divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein. **35** <sup>1</sup> The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. <sup>2</sup> It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God. <sup>3</sup> Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup> Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you. <sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. <sup>6</sup> Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. <sup>7</sup> And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup> And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein. <sup>9</sup> No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: <sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. **36** <sup>1</sup> Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the defenced cities of Judah, and took them. <sup>2</sup> And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem unto king Hezekiah with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field. <sup>3</sup> Then came forth unto him Eliakim, Hilkiyah's son, which was over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, Asaph's son, the recorder. <sup>4</sup> And Rabshakeh said unto them, Say ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest? <sup>5</sup> I say, sayest thou, (but they are but vain words) I have counsel and strength for war: now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me? <sup>6</sup> Lo, thou trustest in the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt; whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that trust in him. <sup>7</sup> But if thou say to me, We trust in the LORD our God: is it not he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar? <sup>8</sup> Now therefore give pledges, I pray thee, to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them. <sup>9</sup> How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? <sup>10</sup> And am I now come up without the LORD against this land to destroy it? the LORD said unto me, Go up against this land, and destroy it. <sup>11</sup> Then said Eliakim and Shebna and Joah unto Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray thee, unto thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand it: and speak not to us in the Jews' language, in the ears of the people that are on the wall. <sup>12</sup> But

Rabshakeh said, Hath my master sent me to thy master and to thee to speak these words? hath he not sent me to the men that sit upon the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you? <sup>13</sup> Then Rabshakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and said, Hear ye the words of the great king, the king of Assyria. <sup>14</sup> Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you. <sup>15</sup> Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us: this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. <sup>16</sup> Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make an agreement with me by a present, and come out to me: and eat ye every one of his vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his own cistern; <sup>17</sup> Until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards. <sup>18</sup> Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, the LORD will deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? <sup>19</sup> Where are the gods of Hamath and Arphad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim? and have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? <sup>20</sup> Who are they among all the gods of these lands, that have delivered their land out of my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand? <sup>21</sup> But they held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not. <sup>22</sup> Then came Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, that was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Rabshakeh. **37** <sup>1</sup> And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD. <sup>2</sup> And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. <sup>3</sup> And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. <sup>4</sup> It may be the LORD thy God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God, and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that is left. <sup>5</sup> So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. <sup>6</sup> And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say unto your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. <sup>7</sup> Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumour, and return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land. <sup>8</sup> So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish. <sup>9</sup> And he heard say concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, He is come forth to make war with thee. And when he heard it, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying, <sup>10</sup> Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God, in whom thou trustest, deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. <sup>11</sup> Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them utterly; and shalt thou be delivered? <sup>12</sup> Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed, as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which were in Telassar? <sup>13</sup> Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of



Arphad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? <sup>14</sup> And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up unto the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD. <sup>15</sup> And Hezekiah prayed unto the LORD, saying, <sup>16</sup> O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth. <sup>17</sup> Incline thine ear, O LORD, and hear; open thine eyes, O LORD, and see: and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent to reproach the living God. <sup>18</sup> Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations, and their countries, <sup>19</sup> And have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone: therefore they have destroyed them. <sup>20</sup> Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD, even thou only. <sup>21</sup> Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria: <sup>22</sup> This is the word which the LORD hath spoken concerning him; The virgin, the daughter of Zion, hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee. <sup>23</sup> Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice, and lifted up thine eyes on high? even against the Holy One of Israel. <sup>24</sup> By thy servants hast thou reproached the Lord, and hast said, By the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon; and I will cut down the tall cedars thereof, and the choice fir trees thereof: and I will enter into the height of his border, and the forest of his Carmel. <sup>25</sup> I have digged, and drunk water; and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of the besieged places. <sup>26</sup> Hast thou not heard long ago, how I have done it; and of ancient times, that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldest be to lay waste defenced cities into ruinous heaps. <sup>27</sup> Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded: they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, and as corn blasted before it be grown up. <sup>28</sup> But I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me. <sup>29</sup> Because thy rage against me, and thy tumult, is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest. <sup>30</sup> And this shall be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year such as groweth of itself; and the second year that which springeth of the same: and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof. <sup>31</sup> And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward: <sup>32</sup> For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this. <sup>33</sup> Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shields, nor cast a bank against it. <sup>34</sup> By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith the LORD. <sup>35</sup> For I will defend this city to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. <sup>36</sup> Then the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses. <sup>37</sup> So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went

and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. <sup>38</sup> And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Armenia: and Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead. **38** <sup>1</sup> In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live. <sup>2</sup> Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the LORD, <sup>3</sup> And said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore. <sup>4</sup> Then came the word of the LORD to Isaiah, saying, <sup>5</sup> Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years. <sup>6</sup> And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria: and I will defend this city. <sup>7</sup> And this shall be a sign unto thee from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that he hath spoken; <sup>8</sup> Behold, I will bring again the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which degrees it was gone down. <sup>9</sup> The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness: <sup>10</sup> I said in the cutting off of my days, I shall go to the gates of the grave: I am deprived of the residue of my years. <sup>11</sup> I said, I shall not see the LORD, even the LORD, in the land of the living: I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world. <sup>12</sup> Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent: I have cut off like a weaver my life: he will cut me off with pining sickness: from day even to night wilt thou make an end of me. <sup>13</sup> I reckoned till morning, that, as a lion, so will he break all my bones: from day even to night wilt thou make an end of me. <sup>14</sup> Like a crane or a swallow, so did I chatter: I did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail with looking upward: O LORD, I am oppressed; undertake for me. <sup>15</sup> What shall I say? he hath both spoken unto me, and himself hath done it: I shall go softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul. <sup>16</sup> O LORD, by these things men live, and in all these things is the life of my spirit: so wilt thou recover me, and make me to live. <sup>17</sup> Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back. <sup>18</sup> For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth. <sup>19</sup> The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth. <sup>20</sup> The LORD was ready to save me: therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the LORD. <sup>21</sup> For Isaiah had said, Let them take a lump of figs, and lay it for a plaister upon the boil, and he shall recover. <sup>22</sup> Hezekiah also had said, What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of the LORD? **39** <sup>1</sup> At that time Merodachbaladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he had heard that he had been sick, and was recovered. <sup>2</sup> And Hezekiah was glad of them, and shewed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them not. <sup>3</sup> Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said

these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country unto me, even from Babylon. <sup>4</sup> Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them. <sup>5</sup> Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD of hosts: <sup>6</sup> Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD. <sup>7</sup> And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon. <sup>8</sup> Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, Good is the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

**40** <sup>1</sup> Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. <sup>2</sup> Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup> The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain: <sup>5</sup> And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it. <sup>6</sup> The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: <sup>7</sup> The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. <sup>9</sup> O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! <sup>10</sup> Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. <sup>11</sup> He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young. <sup>12</sup> Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? <sup>13</sup> Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him? <sup>14</sup> With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding? <sup>15</sup> Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. <sup>16</sup> And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering. <sup>17</sup> All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity. <sup>18</sup> To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him? <sup>19</sup> The workman melteth a graven image, and the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold, and casteth silver chains. <sup>20</sup> He that is so impoverished that he hath no oblation chooseth a tree that will not rot; he seeketh unto him a cunning workman to prepare a graven image, that shall not be moved. <sup>21</sup> Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? <sup>22</sup> It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the

inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: <sup>23</sup> That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity. <sup>24</sup> Yea, they shall not be planted; yea, they shall not be sown: yea, their stock shall not take root in the earth: and he shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble. <sup>25</sup> To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One. <sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth. <sup>27</sup> Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the LORD, and my judgment is passed over from my God? <sup>28</sup> Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. <sup>29</sup> He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. <sup>30</sup> Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: <sup>31</sup> But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. **41** <sup>1</sup> Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew their strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgment. <sup>2</sup> Who raised up the righteous man from the east, called him to his foot, gave the nations before him, and made him rule over kings? he gave them as the dust to his sword, and as driven stubble to his bow. <sup>3</sup> He pursued them, and passed safely; even by the way that he had not gone with his feet. <sup>4</sup> Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am he. <sup>5</sup> The isles saw it, and feared; the ends of the earth were afraid, drew near, and came. <sup>6</sup> They helped every one his neighbour; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage. <sup>7</sup> So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smootheth with the hammer him that smote the anvil, saying, It is ready for the soldering: and he fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved. <sup>8</sup> But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. <sup>9</sup> Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away. <sup>10</sup> Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. <sup>11</sup> Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish. <sup>12</sup> Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought. <sup>13</sup> For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. <sup>14</sup> Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. <sup>15</sup> Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff. <sup>16</sup> Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the LORD, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel. <sup>17</sup> When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their

tongue faileth for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. <sup>18</sup> I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. <sup>19</sup> I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together: <sup>20</sup> That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it. <sup>21</sup> Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob. <sup>22</sup> Let them bring them forth, and shew us what shall happen: let them shew the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or declare us things for to come. <sup>23</sup> Shew the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold it together. <sup>24</sup> Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work of nought: an abomination is he that chooseth you. <sup>25</sup> I have raised up one from the north, and he shall come: from the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name: and he shall come upon princes as upon mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay. <sup>26</sup> Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, He is righteous? yea, there is none that sheweth, yea, there is none that declareth, yea, there is none that heareth your words. <sup>27</sup> The first shall say to Zion, Behold, behold them: and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings. <sup>28</sup> For I beheld, and there was no man; even among them, and there was no counsellor, that, when I asked of them, could answer a word. <sup>29</sup> Behold, they are all vanity; their works are nothing: their molten images are wind and confusion.

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