

# The Seven Year Test

Our Father Yah has a way of putting us to the test. Looking for the signs can be elusive if your knowledge of scriptures is not up to par or you don't or won't study.

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<sup>24</sup>Seventy weeks [of years, or 490 years] are decreed upon your people and upon your holy city [Jerusalem], to finish and put an end to transgression, to seal up and make full the measure of sin, to purge away and make expiation and reconciliation for sin, to bring in everlasting righteousness (permanent moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation) to seal up vision and prophecy and prophet, and to anoint a Holy of Holies.

In the previous study guide The Holy man's Dead Bones and Life the following scripture needs to be looked at closely, because the hidden codes reveal future happenings that is crucial to us!

## **2 Kings 4:35** (King James)

Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and **the child sneezed seven times**, and the child opened his eyes.

Look at these scriptures also;

The child, symbolizes what, can you figure it out? Revelation 12:1-6

## Revelation 12

### The Woman and the Dragon

<sup>1</sup> A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. <sup>2</sup> **She was pregnant** and cried out in pain as she was **about to give birth**. <sup>3</sup> Then another sign appeared in heaven: **an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on its heads**. <sup>4</sup> Its tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. **The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that it might devour her child the moment he was born**. <sup>5</sup> **She gave birth to a son, a male child, who "will rule all the nations with an iron scepter."**<sup>[a]</sup> **And her child was snatched up to Yah and to his throne**.<sup>6</sup> The woman fled into the wilderness to a place prepared for her by Yah, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.

## Isaiah 66

### Living Worship to Yah

<sup>1-2</sup> Yah's Message: "Heaven's my throne,  
earth is my footstool.  
What sort of house could you build for me?  
What holiday spot reserve for me?  
I made all this! I own all this!"  
Yah's Decree.  
"But there is something I'm looking for:  
a person simple and plain,  
reverently responsive to what I say.

<sup>3-4</sup>"Your acts of worship  
are acts of sin:  
Your sacrificial slaughter of the ox  
is no different from murdering the neighbor;  
Your offerings for worship,  
no different from dumping pig's blood on the altar;  
Your presentation of memorial gifts,  
no different from honoring a no-god idol.  
You choose self-serving worship,  
you delight in self-centered worship—disgusting!  
Well, I choose to expose your nonsense  
and let you realize your worst fears,

Because when I invited you, you ignored me;  
when I spoke to you, you brushed me off.  
You did the very things I exposed as evil,  
you chose what I hate."

<sup>5</sup>But listen to what Yah has to say  
to you who reverently respond to his Word:  
"Your own families hate you  
and turn you out because of me.  
They taunt you, 'Let us see Yah's glory!  
If Yah's so great, why aren't you happy?'  
But they're the ones  
who are going to end up shamed."

<sup>6</sup>Rumbles of thunder from the city!  
A voice out of the Temple!  
Yah's voice,  
handing out judgment to his enemies:

<sup>7-9</sup>"**Before she went into labor,  
she had the baby.**

**Before the birth pangs hit,  
she delivered a son.**

Has anyone ever heard of such a thing?  
Has anyone seen anything like this?

**A country born in a day?**

**A nation born in a flash?**

But Zion was barely in labor  
when she had her babies!  
Do I open the womb  
and not deliver the baby?  
Do I, the One who delivers babies,  
shut the womb?

<sup>10-11</sup>"Rejoice, Jerusalem,  
and all who love her, celebrate!  
And all you who have shed tears over her,  
join in the happy singing.  
You newborns can satisfy yourselves

at her nurturing breasts.  
Yes, delight yourselves and drink your fill  
at her ample bosom."

<sup>12-13</sup> **Yah's Message:**

"I'll pour robust well-being into her like a river,  
the glory of nations like a river in flood.  
You'll nurse at her breasts,  
nestle in her bosom,  
and be bounced on her knees.  
As a mother comforts her child,  
so I'll comfort you.  
You will be comforted in Jerusalem."

<sup>14-16</sup> You'll see all this and burst with joy  
—you'll feel ten feet tall—  
As it becomes apparent that Yah is on your side  
and against his enemies.  
For Yah arrives like wildfire  
**and his chariots like a tornado,**  
A furious outburst of anger,  
a rebuke fierce and fiery.  
**For it's by fire that** Yah brings judgment,  
a death sentence on the human race.  
Many, oh so many,  
**are under Yah's sentence of death:**

<sup>17</sup> "All who enter the sacred groves for initiation in those unholy rituals that climaxed in that foul and obscene meal of pigs and mice will eat together and then die together." Yah's Decree.

<sup>18-21</sup> "I know everything they've ever done or thought. I'm going to come and then gather everyone—all nations, all languages. They'll come and see my glory. I'll set up a station at the center. I'll send the survivors of judgment all over the world: Spain and Africa, Turkey and Greece, and the far-off islands that have never heard of me, who know nothing of what I've done nor who I am. I'll send them out as missionaries to preach my glory among the nations.

They'll return with all your long-lost brothers and sisters from all over the world. They'll bring them back and offer them in living worship to Yah. They'll bring them on horses and wagons and carts, on mules and camels, straight to my holy mountain Jerusalem," says Yah. "They'll present them

just as Israelites present their offerings in a ceremonial vessel in the Temple of Yah. I'll even take some of them and make them priests and Levites," says Yah.

<sup>22-23</sup>"For just as the new heavens and new earth  
that I am making will stand firm before me"  
—Yah's Decree—

"So will your children  
and your reputation stand firm.  
Month after month and week by week,  
everyone will come to worship me," Yah says.

<sup>24</sup>"And then they'll go out and look at what happened  
to those who rebelled against me. Corpses!  
Maggots endlessly eating away on them,  
an endless supply of fuel for fires.  
Everyone who sees what's happened  
and smells the stench retches."

### **The Message (MSG)**

### **Zechariah 3:9**

**See, the stone** I have set in front of Joshua! There are **seven eyes** on that one stone, **and I will engrave an inscription on it,' says Yah Almighty, 'and I will remove the sin of this land in a single day.** (Year)

### **Psalms 118:22-23**

<sup>22</sup> **The stone** that the builders rejected (Isaiah  
has become the cornerstone. <sup>(A)</sup>

<sup>23</sup> This came from Yah;  
it is wonderful in our eyes. <sup>(B)</sup>

#### **Cross references:**

A. [Psalm 118:22](#)

## Isaiah 8:14

- <sup>14</sup> **He will be a sanctuary**; <sup>(A)</sup>  
but **for the two houses of Israel**,  
**He will be a stone** <sup>(B)</sup> to stumble over  
and a rock to trip over, <sup>(C)</sup>  
and a trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

### Cross references:

- A. [Isaiah 8:14](#) : [Is 4:6](#); [25:4](#); [Ezk 11:16](#);  
B. [Isaiah 8:14](#) : [Ps 91:12](#); [Is 26:4](#);

## Isaiah 28:16

- <sup>16</sup> Therefore Yah Creator said:  
"**Look, I have laid a stone** <sup>(A)</sup> **in Zion**,  
a tested stone,  
**a precious cornerstone**, a sure foundation; <sup>(B)</sup>  
**the one who believes will be unshakable.** <sup>(C)</sup> <sup>[a]</sup>

### Footnotes:

- a. [Isaiah 28:16](#) Lit *will not hurry*

### Cross references:

- A. [Isaiah 28:16](#) : [Is 8:14](#); [26:4](#);

## Zechariah 4:10

- <sup>10</sup> For who scorns the day of small things? <sup>(A)</sup> **These seven eyes of Yah**,  
which scan throughout the whole earth, will rejoice when they see the plumb  
line <sup>[a]</sup> in Zerubbabel's hand." <sup>(B)</sup>

### Footnotes:

- a. [Zechariah 4:10](#) Lit *the tin stone*

### Cross references:

- A. [Zechariah 4:10](#) : [Hg 2:3-4](#);

## Revelation 5:6

<sup>6</sup> Then I saw one like a slaughtered lamb standing between <sup>[a]</sup> the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God <sup>(A)</sup> sent into all the earth.

### Footnotes:

- a. [Revelation 5:6](#) Or standing **in the middle** of

### Cross references:

- A. [Revelation 5:6](#) : [Rv 1:4](#);

## Joshua 24

### The Covenant Renewed at Shechem

<sup>1</sup> Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before Yah.

<sup>2</sup> Joshua said to all the people, "This is what Yah, the God of Israel, says: 'Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods. <sup>3</sup> But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants. I gave him Isaac, <sup>4</sup> and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I assigned the hill country of Seir to Esau, but Jacob and his family went down to Egypt.

<sup>5</sup> "'Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I afflicted the Egyptians by what I did there, and I brought you out. <sup>6</sup> When I brought your people out of Egypt, you came to the sea, and the Egyptians pursued them with chariots and horsemen<sup>[a]</sup> as far as the Red Sea.<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>7</sup> But they cried to Yah for help, and he put darkness between you and the Egyptians; he brought the sea over them and covered them. You saw with your own eyes what I did to the Egyptians. Then you lived in the wilderness for a long time.

<sup>8</sup> "'I brought you to the land of the Amorites who lived east of the Jordan. They fought against you, but I gave them into your hands. I destroyed them from before you, and you took possession of their land. <sup>9</sup> When Balak son of Zippor, the king of Moab, prepared to fight against Israel, he sent for Balaam son of Beor to put a curse on you. <sup>10</sup> But I would not listen to

Balaam, so he blessed you again and again, and I delivered you out of his hand.

<sup>11</sup> “Then you crossed the Jordan and came to Jericho. The citizens of Jericho fought against you, as did also the Amorites, Perizzites, Canaanites, Hittites, Girgashites, Hivites and Jebusites, but I gave them into your hands. <sup>12</sup> I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove them out before you—also the two Amorite kings. You did not do it with your own sword and bow. <sup>13</sup> So I gave you a land on which you did not toil and cities you did not build; and you live in them and eat from vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.’

<sup>14</sup> “Now fear Yah and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve Yah. <sup>15</sup> But if serving Yah seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve Yah.”

<sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake Yah to serve other gods! **<sup>17</sup> It was Yah our Creator himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes.** He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. <sup>18</sup> And Yah drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve Yah, because he is our Creator.”

<sup>19</sup> Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve Yah. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. <sup>20</sup> If you forsake Yah and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you.”

<sup>21</sup> But the people said to Joshua, “No! We will serve Yah.”

<sup>22</sup> Then Joshua said, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve Yah.”

“Yes, we are witnesses,” they replied.

<sup>23</sup> “Now then,” said Joshua, “throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to Yah, the Creator of Israel.”

<sup>24</sup> And the people said to Joshua, “We will serve Yah our Creator and obey him.”

<sup>25</sup> On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people, and there at Shechem he reaffirmed for them decrees and laws. <sup>26</sup> And Joshua recorded these things in the Book of the Law of Yah. Then he took a **large stone** and set it up there under the oak near the holy place of Yah.

<sup>27</sup> "See!" he said to all the people. "This stone will be a witness against us. It has heard all the words Yah has said to us. It will be a witness against you if you are untrue to your Yah."

<sup>28</sup> Then Joshua dismissed the people, each to their own inheritance.

## Leviticus 26

<sup>1</sup>You shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall you set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am Yah your Creator.

<sup>2</sup>You shall keep my Sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am Yah.

<sup>3</sup>If you walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them;

<sup>4</sup>Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

<sup>5</sup>And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and you shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.

<sup>6</sup>And I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.

<sup>7</sup>And you shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.

**<sup>8</sup>And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight: and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.**

<sup>9</sup>For I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish my covenant with you.

<sup>10</sup>And you shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new.

**<sup>11</sup>And I set my tabernacle among you:** and my soul shall not abhor you.

**<sup>12</sup>And I will walk among you,** and **will be your Creator/Power,** and you shall be my people.

<sup>13</sup>I am Yah your Creator, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their bondmen; and I have broken the bands of your yoke, and made you go upright.

<sup>14</sup>But if you will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments;

<sup>15</sup>And if you shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that you will not do all my commandments, but that you break my covenant:

<sup>16</sup>I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyous, and cause sorrow of heart: and you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.

<sup>17</sup>And I will set my face against you, and you shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and you shall flee when none pursue you.

<sup>18</sup>And if you will not though for all this hearken unto me, then **I will punish you seven times** more for your sins.

<sup>19</sup>And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass:

<sup>20</sup>And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.

<sup>21</sup>And if you walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; **I will bring seven times** more plagues upon you according to your sins.

<sup>22</sup>I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your high ways shall be desolate.

<sup>23</sup>And if you will not be reformed by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me;

<sup>24</sup>Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and **will punish you though seven times for your sins.**

<sup>25</sup>And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall avenge the quarrel of my covenant: and when you are gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence among you; and you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.

<sup>26</sup>And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver you your bread again by weight: and you shall eat, and not be satisfied.

<sup>27</sup>And if you will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me;

<sup>28</sup>Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and **I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.**

<sup>29</sup>And you shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall you eat.

<sup>30</sup>And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you.

<sup>31</sup>And I will make your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savour of your sweet odors.

<sup>32</sup>And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it.

**<sup>33</sup>And I will scatter you among the heathen,** and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.

**<sup>34</sup>Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and you be in your enemies' land; even then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths.**

<sup>35</sup>As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when you dwelt (lived) upon it.

<sup>36</sup>And upon them that are left alive of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursues.

<sup>37</sup>And they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursues: and you shall have no power to stand before your enemies.

**<sup>38</sup>And you shall perish among the heathen, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up.**

<sup>39</sup>And they that are left of **you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands**; and **also in the iniquities of their fathers** shall they pine away with them.

<sup>40</sup>**If they** shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me;

<sup>41</sup>And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; **if then** their uncircumcised hearts **be humbled, and they then accept** of the punishment of their iniquity:

<sup>42</sup>**Then will I remember my covenant** with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.

<sup>43</sup>The land also shall be left of them, and shall enjoy her Sabbaths, while she lies desolate without them: and they shall accept of the punishment of their iniquity: because, even because they despised my judgments, and because their soul abhorred my statutes.

<sup>44</sup>And though for all that, **when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away**, neither will I abhor them, **to destroy them utterly (totally)**, and to break my covenant with them: for I am Yah their God.

<sup>45</sup>**But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors**, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I am Yah.

<sup>46</sup>These are the statutes and judgments and laws, which Yah made between him and the children of Israel in mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

## Amos 4

<sup>1</sup>Hear this word, you kine of Bashan, that are in the mountain of Samaria, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink.

<sup>2</sup>Yah Creator hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks.

<sup>3</sup>And you shall go out at the breaches, every cow at that which is before her; and you shall cast them into the palace, says Yah.

<sup>4</sup>Come to Bethel, and transgress; at [Gilgal](#) multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes after three years:

<sup>5</sup>And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim and publish the free offerings: for this you like, O you children of Israel, says Yah Creator.

<sup>6</sup>And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: though have you not returned unto me, says Yah.

<sup>7</sup>And also I have withheld the rain from you, when there were though three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered.

<sup>8</sup>So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they were not satisfied: though have you not returned unto me, says Yah.

<sup>9</sup>I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured them: though have you not returned unto me, says Yah.

<sup>10</sup>I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: though have you not returned unto me, says Yah.

<sup>11</sup>I have overthrown some of you, as Yah overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and you were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: though have you not returned unto me, says Yah.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet your Creator, O Israel.

<sup>13</sup>For, lo, he that forms the mountains, and creates the wind, and declares unto man what is his thought, that makes the morning darkness, and treads upon the high places of the earth, Yah of hosts, is his name.

### **Psalm 12:6**

The **words** of Yah are **pure words**: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, **purified seven times**.

### **Proverbs 24:16**

For a just man falls **seven times**, and rise up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

### **Psalm 119:164**

**Seven times** a day do I praise thee because of your righteous judgments.

### **Zephaniah 3:7**

I said, surely you will fear (respect) me, you will receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever I **punished** them: but they rose early, and corrupted all their doings.

## **Friends Will Turn Against You:**

### **Job 1**

#### **Prologue**

<sup>1</sup> In the land of Uz there lived a man whose name was Job. This man was blameless and upright; he feared Yah and shunned evil. <sup>2</sup> **He had seven sons** and **three daughters**, <sup>3</sup> and he owned seven thousand sheep, three thousand camels, five hundred yoke of oxen and five hundred donkeys, and had a large number of servants. He was the greatest man among all the people of the East.

<sup>4</sup> His sons used to hold feasts in their homes on their birthdays, and they would invite their three sisters to eat and drink with them. <sup>5</sup> When a period of feasting had run its course, Job would make arrangements for them to be purified. Early in the morning he would sacrifice a burnt offering for each of

them, thinking, "Perhaps my children have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." This was Job's regular custom.

**<sup>6</sup> One day the angels<sup>[a]</sup> came to present themselves before Yah, and Satan<sup>[b]</sup> also came with them.** <sup>7</sup> Yah said to Satan, "Where have you come from?"

Satan answered Yah, "From roaming throughout the earth, going back and forth on it."

<sup>8</sup> Then Yah said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears Yah and shuns evil."

<sup>9</sup> "Does Job fear Yah for nothing?" Satan replied. <sup>10</sup> "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. <sup>11</sup> But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face."

<sup>12</sup> Yah said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not take his life."

Then Satan went out from the presence of Yah.

<sup>13</sup> One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, <sup>14</sup> a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, <sup>15</sup> and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

<sup>16</sup> While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of Yah fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

<sup>17</sup> While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

<sup>18</sup> While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, <sup>19</sup> when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck

the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

<sup>20</sup> At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship <sup>21</sup> and said:

“Naked I came from my mother’s womb,  
and naked I will depart.<sup>[c]</sup>  
Yah gave and Yah has taken away;  
may the name of Yah be praised.”

<sup>22</sup> In all this, Job did not sin by charging Yah with wrongdoing.

### Footnotes:

- a. [Job 1:6](#) Hebrew *the sons of God*
- b. [Job 1:6](#) Hebrew *satan* means *adversary*.
- c. [Job 1:21](#) Or *will return there*

### New International Version (NIV)

## Job 4

### First Series of Speeches

#### Eliphaz Speaks

<sup>1</sup> Then Eliphaz the Temanite replied:

<sup>2</sup> Should anyone try to speak with you  
when you are exhausted?  
Yet who can keep from speaking?

<sup>3</sup> Look! You have instructed many  
and have strengthened <sup>(A)</sup> weak hands.

<sup>4</sup> Your words have steadied the one who was stumbling,  
and braced the knees that were buckling. <sup>(B)</sup>

<sup>5</sup> But now that this has happened to you,  
you have become exhausted.  
It strikes <sup>(C)</sup> you, and you are dismayed.

<sup>6</sup> Isn't your piety your confidence,  
and the integrity of your life <sup>[a]</sup> your hope? <sup>(D)</sup>

7 Consider: who has perished when he was innocent?  
Where have the honest been destroyed? (E)

8 In my experience, those who plow injustice  
and those who sow trouble (F) reap the same. (G)

9 They perish at a [single] blast (H) from Yah  
and come to an end by the breath of His nostrils. (I)

10 The lion may roar and the fierce lion (J) growl,  
but the fangs of young lions are broken. (K)

11 The strong lion dies if [it catches] no prey,  
and the cubs of the lioness are scattered. (L)

12 A word was brought to me in secret;  
my ears caught a whisper of it. (M)

13 Among unsettling thoughts from visions in the night, (N)  
when deep sleep (O) descends on men,

14 fear and trembling came over me (P)  
and made all my bones shake.

15 A wind [b] passed by me,  
and I shuddered with fear. [c]

16 [A figure] stood there,  
but I could not recognize its appearance;  
a form loomed before my eyes.  
I heard a quiet voice:

17 "Can a person be more righteous than Yah,  
or a man more pure than his Maker?" (Q)

18 If Yah puts no trust in His servants  
and He charges His angels with foolishness, (R) [d]

19 how much more those who dwell in clay houses, (S)  
whose foundation is in the dust,  
who are crushed like a moth!

20 They are smashed to pieces from dawn to dusk;  
they perish forever while no one notices. (T)

<sup>21</sup> Are their tent cords not pulled up?  
They die without wisdom. <sup>(U)</sup>

### Footnotes:

- a. [Job 4:6](#) Lit *ways*
- b. [Job 4:15](#) Or *A spirit*
- c. [Job 4:15](#) Or *and the hair on my body stood up*
- d. [Job 4:18](#) Or *error*; Hb obscure

## Job 5

<sup>1</sup> Call out if you please. Will anyone answer you?  
Which of the holy ones <sup>(A)</sup> will you turn to?

<sup>2</sup> For anger kills a fool,  
and jealousy slays the gullible. <sup>(B)</sup>

<sup>3</sup> I have seen a fool taking root,  
but I immediately pronounced a curse on his home.

<sup>4</sup> His children are far from safety.  
They are crushed at the [city] gate, <sup>(C)</sup>  
with no one to defend [them].

<sup>5</sup> The hungry consume his harvest,  
even taking it out of the thorns. <sup>[a]</sup>  
The thirsty <sup>[b]</sup> pant for his children's wealth.

<sup>6</sup> For distress does not grow out of the soil,  
and trouble does not sprout from the ground.

<sup>7</sup> But mankind is born for trouble <sup>(D)</sup>  
as surely as sparks fly upward.

<sup>8</sup> However, if I were you, I would appeal to Yah  
and would present my case to Him. <sup>(E)</sup>

<sup>9</sup> He does great <sup>(F)</sup> and unsearchable things,  
wonders without number. <sup>(G)</sup>

<sup>10</sup> He gives rain to the earth  
and sends water to the fields. <sup>(H)</sup>

<sup>11</sup> He sets the lowly on high,  
and mourners are lifted to safety. <sup>(I)</sup>

<sup>12</sup> He frustrates the schemes of the crafty  
so that they <sup>[C]</sup> achieve no success.

<sup>13</sup> He traps the wise in their craftiness  
so that the plans of the deceptive  
are quickly brought to an end. <sup>(J)</sup>

<sup>14</sup> They encounter darkness by day,  
and they grope at noon  
as if it were night. <sup>(K)</sup>

<sup>15</sup> He saves the needy from their sharp words <sup>(L) [d]</sup>  
and from the clutches of the powerful.

<sup>16</sup> So the poor have hope,  
and injustice shuts its mouth. <sup>(M)</sup>

<sup>17</sup> See how happy the man is Yah corrects;  
**so do not reject the discipline of the Almighty.**

<sup>18</sup> For He crushes but also binds up;  
He strikes, but His hands also heal. <sup>(N)</sup>

<sup>19</sup> **He will rescue you from six calamities;  
no harm will touch you in seven.**

<sup>20</sup> In famine He will redeem you from death,  
and in battle, from the power of the sword. <sup>(O)</sup>

<sup>21</sup> You will be safe from slander <sup>[e]</sup>  
and not fear destruction when it comes. <sup>(P)</sup>

<sup>22</sup> You will laugh at destruction and hunger  
and not fear the animals of the earth.

<sup>23</sup> For you will have a covenant with the stones of the field,  
and the wild animals will be at peace with you. <sup>(Q)</sup>

<sup>24</sup> You will know that your tent is secure, <sup>(R)</sup>  
and nothing will be missing when you inspect your home.

<sup>25</sup> You will also know that your offspring will be many and your descendants like the grass of the earth.

<sup>26</sup> You will approach the grave <sup>(S)</sup> in full vigor, <sup>(I)</sup> as a stack of sheaves is gathered in its season.

<sup>27</sup> We have investigated this, and it is true! Hear it and understand [it] for yourself.

### Footnotes:

- a. [Job 5:5](#) Hb obscure
- b. [Job 5:5](#) Aq, Sym, Syr, Vg; MT reads *snares*
- c. [Job 5:12](#) Lit *their hands*
- d. [Job 5:15](#) Lit *from the sword of their mouth*; [Ps 55:21]; [59:7]
- e. [Job 5:21](#) Lit *be hidden from the whip of the tongue*

## Job 8

### Bildad Speaks

<sup>1</sup> Then Bildad the Shuhite replied:

<sup>2</sup> How long will you go on saying these things?  
Your words <sup>(A)</sup> are a blast of wind. <sup>(B)</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Does Yah pervert justice? <sup>(C)</sup>  
Does the Almighty pervert what is right? <sup>(D)</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Since your children sinned against Him,  
He gave them over to their rebellion.

<sup>5</sup> But if you earnestly seek <sup>(E)</sup> Yah  
and ask the Almighty for mercy, <sup>(E)</sup>

<sup>6</sup> if you are pure and upright,  
then He will move even now on your behalf  
and restore the home where your righteousness dwells. <sup>(G)</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Then, even if your beginnings were modest,  
your final days will be full of prosperity. <sup>(H)</sup>

<sup>8</sup> For ask the previous generation,  
and pay attention to what their fathers discovered, <sup>(I)</sup>

<sup>9</sup> since we were [born only] yesterday and know nothing.  
Our days on earth are but a shadow. <sup>(J)</sup>

<sup>10</sup> Will they not teach you and tell you  
and speak from their understanding?

<sup>11</sup> Does papyrus grow where there is no marsh?  
Do reeds flourish without water?

<sup>12</sup> While still uncut shoots,  
they would dry up quicker than any [other] plant.

<sup>13</sup> Such is the destiny <sup>[a]</sup> of all who forget Yah;  
the hope of the godless <sup>(K)</sup> will perish.

<sup>14</sup> His source of confidence is fragile; <sup>[b]</sup>  
what he trusts in is a spider's web. <sup>(L)</sup>

<sup>15</sup> He leans on his web, but it doesn't stand firm.  
He grabs it, but it does not hold up.

<sup>16</sup> He is an amply watered plant in the sunshine;  
his shoots spread out over his garden.

<sup>17</sup> His roots are intertwined around a pile of rocks.  
He looks for a home among the stones.

<sup>18</sup> If he is uprooted <sup>[c]</sup> from his place,  
it will deny [knowing] him, saying, "I never saw you." <sup>(M)</sup>

<sup>19</sup> Surely this is the joy of his way of life;  
yet others will sprout from the dust.

<sup>20</sup> Look, Yah does not reject a person of integrity,  
and He will not support evildoers. <sup>(N)</sup>

<sup>21</sup> He will yet fill your mouth with laughter  
and your lips with a shout of joy. <sup>(O)</sup>

<sup>22</sup> Your enemies will be clothed with shame; <sup>(P)</sup>  
the tent <sup>(Q)</sup> of the wicked will exist no longer.

#### Footnotes:

- a. [Job 8:13](#) Lit *Such are the ways*

- b. [Job 8:14](#) Or *cut off*; Hb obscure
- c. [Job 8:18](#) Lit *swallowed*

## Job 9

### Job's Reply to Bildad

<sup>1</sup> Then Job answered:

<sup>2</sup> Yes, I know what you've said is true,  
but how can a person be justified before Yah? <sup>(A)</sup>

<sup>3</sup> If one wanted to take <sup>(B)</sup> Him to court,  
he could not answer Yah <sup>[a]</sup> once in a thousand [times]. <sup>(C)</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Yah is wise <sup>(D)</sup> and all-powerful.  
Who has opposed Him and come out unharmed?

<sup>5</sup> He removes mountains without their knowledge,  
overturning them in His anger. <sup>(E)</sup>

<sup>6</sup> He shakes the earth from its place  
so that its pillars tremble.

<sup>7</sup> He commands the sun not to shine  
and seals off the stars. <sup>(E)</sup>

<sup>8</sup> He alone stretches out the heavens <sup>(G)</sup>  
and treads on the waves of the sea. <sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>9</sup> He makes [the stars]: the Bear, <sup>[c]</sup> Orion,  
the Pleiades, <sup>(H)</sup> and the constellations <sup>[d]</sup> of the southern sky.

<sup>10</sup> He performs great and unsearchable things,  
wonders without number. <sup>(I)</sup>

<sup>11</sup> If He passes by me, I wouldn't see Him; <sup>(J)</sup>  
[if] He goes right by, I wouldn't recognize Him.

<sup>12</sup> If He snatches [something], who can stop <sup>[e]</sup> Him?  
Who can ask Him, "What are You doing?" <sup>(K)</sup>

<sup>13</sup> Yah does not hold back His anger;  
Rahab's <sup>(L)</sup> assistants cringe in fear beneath Him!

14 How then can I answer Him  
or choose my arguments against Him?

15 Even if I were in the right, I could not answer.  
I could only beg [my judge](#) for mercy. <sup>(M)</sup>

16 If I summoned [Him] and He answered me,  
I do not believe He would pay attention to what I said.

17 He batters me with a whirlwind <sup>(N)</sup>  
and multiplies my wounds without cause.

18 He doesn't let me catch my breath  
but soaks me with bitter experiences.

19 If it is a matter of strength, look, He is the Mighty One! <sup>(O)</sup>  
If it is a matter of justice, who can summon <sup>(P)</sup> Him? <sup>[f]</sup>

20 Even if I were in the right, my own mouth would condemn me; <sup>(Q)</sup>  
if I were blameless, my mouth would declare me guilty.

21 Though I am blameless,  
I no longer care about myself;  
I renounce my life. <sup>(R)</sup>

22 It is all the same. Therefore I say,  
"He destroys both the blameless and the wicked." <sup>(S)</sup>

23 When disaster brings sudden death,  
He mocks the despair of the innocent.

24 The earth <sup>[g]</sup> is handed over to the wicked;  
He blindfolds <sup>[h]</sup> its judges. <sup>(T)</sup>  
If it isn't He, then who is it?

25 My days fly by faster than a runner; <sup>(U)</sup> <sup>[i]</sup>  
they flee without seeing any good. <sup>(V)</sup>

26 They sweep by like boats made of papyrus,  
like an eagle swooping down on [its] prey. <sup>(W)</sup>

27 If I said, "I will forget my complaint,  
change my expression, and smile,"

<sup>28</sup> I would still live in terror of all my pains. (X)  
I know You will not acquit me. (Y)

<sup>29</sup> Since I will be found guilty, (Z)  
why should I labor in vain?

<sup>30</sup> If I wash myself with snow,  
and cleanse my hands with lye,

<sup>31</sup> then You dip me in a pit [of mud],  
and my own clothes despise me!

<sup>32</sup> For He is not a man like me, that I can answer Him, (AA)  
that we can take each other to court.

<sup>33</sup> There is no one to judge between us,  
to lay his hand on both of us.

<sup>34</sup> Let Him take His rod away from me  
so His terror will no longer frighten me. (AB)

<sup>35</sup> Then I would speak and not fear Him.  
But that is not the case; I am on my own.

### Footnotes:

- a. [Job 9:3](#) Or *court, God would not answer him*
- b. [Job 9:8](#) Or *and walks on the back of the sea god*
- c. [Job 9:9](#) Or *Aldebaran*
- d. [Job 9:9](#) Or *chambers*
- e. [Job 9:12](#) Or *dissuade*
- f. [Job 9:19](#) LXX; MT reads *me*
- g. [Job 9:24](#) Or *land*
- h. [Job 9:24](#) Lit *covers the faces of*
- i. [Job 9:25](#) = a royal messenger; [2 Sm 18:19-33]; [1 Kg 1:5]; [Est 3:13],  
[15]

## Job 10

<sup>1</sup> I am disgusted with my life. (A)

I will express my complaint  
and speak in the bitterness of my soul.

<sup>2</sup> I will say to Yah:

Do not declare me guilty!  
Let me know why you prosecute me.

<sup>3</sup> Is it good for you to oppress,  
to reject the work of Your hands,  
and favor [a] the plans of the wicked?

<sup>4</sup> Do you have eyes of flesh,  
or do You see as a human sees?

<sup>5</sup> Are your days like those of a human,  
or Your years like those of a man, (B)

<sup>6</sup> that You look for my wrongdoing (C)  
and search for my sin,

<sup>7</sup> even though You know that I am not wicked  
and that there is no one who can deliver from Your hand?

<sup>8</sup> Your hands shaped me and formed me.  
Will You now turn around and destroy me?

<sup>9</sup> Please remember that You formed me like clay.  
Will You now return me to dust? (D)

<sup>10</sup> Did You not pour me out like milk  
and curdle me like cheese?

<sup>11</sup> You clothed me with skin and flesh,  
and wove me together with bones and tendons.

<sup>12</sup> You gave me life and faithful love,  
and Your care has guarded my life.

<sup>13</sup> Yet You concealed these [thoughts] in Your heart;  
I know that this was Your hidden plan: [b]

<sup>14</sup> if I sin, You would notice, [c]  
and would not acquit me of my wrongdoing. (E)

<sup>15</sup> If I am wicked, woe to me!  
And even if I am righteous, I cannot lift up my head.  
I am filled with shame  
and aware of my affliction. <sup>(E)</sup>

<sup>16</sup> If I am proud, You hunt me like a lion  
and again display Your miraculous power against me. <sup>(G)</sup>

<sup>17</sup> You produce new witnesses <sup>[d]</sup> against me  
and multiply Your anger toward me.  
Hardships assault me, wave after wave. <sup>[e]</sup>

<sup>18</sup> Why did You bring me out of the womb? <sup>(H)</sup>  
I should have died and never been seen.

<sup>19</sup> I wish <sup>[f]</sup> I had never existed  
but had been carried from the womb to the grave. <sup>(I)</sup>

<sup>20</sup> Are my days not few? Stop [it]! <sup>[g]</sup>  
Leave me alone, so that I can smile a little

<sup>21</sup> before I go to a land of darkness and gloom, <sup>(J)</sup>  
never to return.

<sup>22</sup> [It is] a land of blackness like the deepest darkness,  
gloomy and chaotic,  
where even the light is like <sup>[h]</sup> the darkness.

#### Footnotes:

- a. [Job 10:3](#) Lit *shine on*
- b. [Job 10:13](#) Lit *was with You*
- c. [Job 10:14](#) Lit *notice me*
- d. [Job 10:17](#) Or *You bring fresh troops*
- e. [Job 10:17](#) Lit *Changes and a host are with me*
- f. [Job 10:19](#) Lit *As if*
- g. [Job 10:20](#) Alt Hb tradition reads *Will He not leave my few days alone?*
- h. [Job 10:22](#) Lit *chaotic, and shines as*

## Job 11

### Zophar Speaks

<sup>1</sup> Then Zophar the Naamathite replied:

<sup>2</sup> Should this stream of words <sup>(A)</sup> go unanswered  
and such a talker <sup>[a]</sup> be acquitted?

<sup>3</sup> Should your babbling put others to silence,  
so that you can keep on ridiculing  
with no one to humiliate you?

<sup>4</sup> You have said, "My teaching <sup>(B)</sup> is sound,  
and I am pure in Your sight."

<sup>5</sup> But if only Yah would speak  
and declare His case <sup>[b]</sup> against you,

<sup>6</sup> He would show you the secrets of wisdom, <sup>(C)</sup>  
for true wisdom has two sides.  
Know then that Yah has chosen to overlook some of your sin. <sup>(D)</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Can you fathom the depths of Yah  
or discover the limits of the Almighty? <sup>(E)</sup>

<sup>8</sup> [They are] higher than the heavens—what can you do?  
[They are] deeper than Sheol—what can you know? <sup>(E)</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Their measure is longer than the earth  
and wider than the sea.

<sup>10</sup> If He passes by and throws [someone] in prison  
or convenes a court, who can stop Him? <sup>(G)</sup>

<sup>11</sup> Surely He knows which people are worthless.  
If He sees iniquity, will He not take note [of it]? <sup>(H)</sup>

<sup>12</sup> But a stupid man will gain understanding  
as soon as a wild donkey is born a man!

<sup>13</sup> As for you, if you redirect your heart  
and lift up your hands to Him [in prayer]—

<sup>14</sup> if there is iniquity in your hand, remove it,  
and don't allow injustice to dwell in your tents—

<sup>15</sup> then you will hold your head high, free from fault.  
You will be firmly established and unafraid. <sup>(I)</sup>

<sup>16</sup> For you will forget your suffering,  
recalling [it only] as waters that have flowed by.

<sup>17</sup> [Your] life will be brighter than noonday;  
[its] darkness <sup>[c]</sup> will be like the morning. <sup>(I)</sup>

<sup>18</sup> You will be confident, because there is hope. <sup>(K)</sup>  
You will look carefully about and lie down in safety. <sup>(L)</sup>

<sup>19</sup> You will lie down without fear,  
and many will seek your favor. <sup>(M)</sup>

<sup>20</sup> But the sight of the wicked <sup>(N)</sup> will fail.  
Their way of escape will be cut off,  
and their [only] hope will be to die. <sup>(O)</sup>

#### Footnotes:

- a. [Job 11:2](#) Lit *a man of lips*
- b. [Job 11:5](#) Lit *and open His lips*
- c. [Job 11:17](#) Text emended; MT reads *noonday; you are dark, you*

## Job 12

### Job's Reply to Zophar

<sup>1</sup> Then Job answered:

<sup>2</sup> No doubt you are the people,  
and wisdom will die with you!

<sup>3</sup> But I also have a mind;  
I am not inferior to you.  
Who doesn't know the things you are talking about? <sup>(A)</sup> <sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>4</sup> I am a laughingstock to my <sup>[b]</sup> friends,  
by calling on Yah, who answers me. <sup>[c]</sup>  
The righteous and upright man is a laughingstock. <sup>(B)</sup>

<sup>5</sup> The one who is at ease <sup>(C)</sup> holds calamity in contempt  
[and thinks] it is prepared for those whose feet are slipping.

<sup>6</sup> The tents of robbers are safe, <sup>(D)</sup>  
and those who provoke Yah are secure;  
Yah's power provides this.

<sup>7</sup> But ask the animals, and they will instruct you;  
[ask] the birds of the sky, and they will tell you. <sup>(E)</sup>

<sup>8</sup> Or speak to the earth, and it will instruct you;  
let the fish of the sea inform you.

<sup>9</sup> Which of all these does not know  
that the hand of Yah has done this? <sup>(E)</sup>

<sup>10</sup> The life of every living thing is in His hand,  
as well as the breath of all mankind. <sup>(G)</sup>

<sup>11</sup> Doesn't the ear test words  
as the palate tastes food?

<sup>12</sup> Wisdom is found with the elderly,  
and understanding comes with long life. <sup>(H)</sup>

<sup>13</sup> Wisdom and strength belong to Yah;  
counsel and understanding are His. <sup>(I)</sup>

<sup>14</sup> Whatever He tears down cannot be rebuilt;  
whoever He imprisons cannot be released. <sup>(J)</sup>

<sup>15</sup> When He withholds the waters, everything dries up,  
and when He releases them, they destroy the land. <sup>(K)</sup>

<sup>16</sup> True wisdom and power belong to Him.  
The deceived and the deceiver are His.

<sup>17</sup> He leads counselors away barefoot  
and makes judges go mad. <sup>(L)</sup>

<sup>18</sup> He releases the bonds <sup>[d]</sup> put on by kings <sup>(M)</sup>  
and ties a cloth around their waists.

<sup>19</sup> He leads priests away barefoot  
and overthrows established leaders. (N)

<sup>20</sup> He deprives trusted advisers of speech  
and takes away the elders' good judgment.

<sup>21</sup> He pours out contempt on nobles  
and disarms [e] the strong.

<sup>22</sup> He reveals mysteries from the darkness  
and brings the deepest darkness into the light. (Q)

<sup>23</sup> He makes nations great, then destroys them;  
He enlarges nations, (P) then leads them away.

<sup>24</sup> He deprives the world's leaders of reason,  
and makes them wander in a trackless wasteland. (Q)

<sup>25</sup> They grope around in darkness without light;  
He makes them stagger like drunken men. (R)

### Footnotes:

- a. [Job 12:3](#) Lit *With whom are not such things as these*
- b. [Job 12:4](#) Lit *his*
- c. [Job 12:4](#) Lit *him*
- d. [Job 12:18](#) Text emended; MT reads *discipline*
- e. [Job 12:21](#) Lit *and loosens the belt of*

### Job 13

<sup>1</sup> Look, my eyes have seen all this;  
my ears (A) have heard and understood it.

<sup>2</sup> Everything you know, I also know;  
I am not inferior to you. (B)

<sup>3</sup> Yet I prefer to speak to the Almighty  
and argue my case before Yah. (C)

<sup>4</sup> But you coat [the truth] with lies;  
you are all worthless doctors. (D)

<sup>5</sup> If only you would shut up  
and let that be your wisdom!

<sup>6</sup> Hear now my argument,  
and listen to my defense. [a]

<sup>7</sup> Would you testify unjustly on Yah's behalf  
or speak deceitfully for Him?

<sup>8</sup> Would you show partiality (E) to Him  
or argue the case in His defense?

<sup>9</sup> Would it go well if He examined you?  
Could you deceive Him as you would deceive a man? (E)

<sup>10</sup> Surely He would rebuke you  
if you secretly showed partiality.

<sup>11</sup> Would Yah's majesty not terrify you? (G)  
Would His dread not fall on you?

<sup>12</sup> Your memorable sayings are proverbs of ash; (H)  
your defenses are made of clay.

<sup>13</sup> Be quiet, [b] and I will speak.  
Let whatever comes happen to me.

<sup>14</sup> Why do I put myself at risk [c]  
and take my life in my own hands?

<sup>15</sup> Even if He kills me, I will hope in Him. [d]  
I will still defend (I) my ways before Him.

<sup>16</sup> Yes, this will result in my deliverance,  
for no godless person (J) can appear before Him.

<sup>17</sup> Pay close attention to my words;  
let my declaration [ring] in your ears.

<sup>18</sup> Now then, I have prepared [my] case; (K)  
I know that I am right.

<sup>19</sup> Can anyone indict me?  
If so, I will be silent and die.

<sup>20</sup> Only grant [these] two things to me, [God],  
so that I will not have to hide from Your presence:

<sup>21</sup> remove Your hand from me,  
and do not let Your terror frighten me. <sup>(L)</sup>

<sup>22</sup> Then call, and I will answer, <sup>(M)</sup>  
or I will speak, and You can respond to me.

<sup>23</sup> How many iniquities <sup>(N)</sup> and sins have I committed? <sup>[e]</sup>  
Reveal to me my transgression and sin.

<sup>24</sup> Why do you hide Your face  
and consider me Your enemy? <sup>(O)</sup>

<sup>25</sup> Will you frighten a wind driven leaf?  
Will you chase after dry straw?

<sup>26</sup> **For you record bitter accusations against me**  
and make me inherit the iniquities of my youth.

<sup>27</sup> You put my feet in the stocks  
and stand watch over all my paths,  
setting a limit for the soles <sup>[f]</sup> of my feet.

<sup>28</sup> Man wears out like something rotten,  
like a moth-eaten garment. <sup>(P)</sup>

#### Footnotes:

- a. [Job 13:6](#) Lit *to the claims of my lips*
- b. [Job 13:13](#) Lit *quiet before me*
- c. [Job 13:14](#) Lit *I take my flesh in my teeth*
- d. [Job 13:15](#) Other Hb mss read *I will be without hope*
- e. [Job 13:23](#) Lit *sins are to me*
- f. [Job 13:27](#) Lit *paths. You mark a line around the roots*

## Job 15

### Second Series of Speeches

Eliphaz Speaks

<sup>1</sup> Then Eliphaz the Temanite replied:

<sup>2</sup> Does a wise man answer with empty [a] counsel (A)  
or fill himself [b] with the hot east wind?

<sup>3</sup> Should he argue (B) with useless talk  
or with words that serve no good purpose?

<sup>4</sup> But you even undermine the fear [of Yah]  
and hinder meditation before Him.

<sup>5</sup> Your iniquity (C) teaches you what to say,  
and you choose the language of the crafty.

<sup>6</sup> Your own mouth condemns you, not I;  
your own lips testify against you. (D)

<sup>7</sup> Were you the first person ever born,  
or were you brought forth before the hills? (E)

<sup>8</sup> Do you listen in on the council of Yah,  
or have a monopoly on wisdom? (E)

<sup>9</sup> What do you know that we don't?  
[What] do you understand that is not [clear] to us?

<sup>10</sup> Both the gray-haired and the elderly are with us,  
men older than your father.

<sup>11</sup> Are Yah's consolations not enough for you,  
even the words that [deal] gently with you?

<sup>12</sup> Why has your heart misled you,  
and why do your eyes flash

<sup>13</sup> as you turn your anger [c] against Yah  
and allow such words to leave your mouth?

14 What is man, that he should be pure, <sup>(G)</sup>  
or one born of woman, that he should be righteous?

15 If Yah puts no trust in His holy ones <sup>(H)</sup>  
and the heavens are not pure in His sight, <sup>(I)</sup>

16 how much less one who is revolting and corrupt, <sup>(J)</sup>  
who drinks injustice <sup>(K)</sup> like water?

17 Listen to me and I will inform you.  
I will describe what I have seen,

18 what was declared by wise men  
and was not suppressed by their ancestors, <sup>(L)</sup>

19 the land was given to them alone  
when no foreigner passed among them.

20 A wicked man writhes in pain all his days;  
few <sup>(d)</sup> years are stored up for the ruthless.

21 Dreadful sounds fill his ears;  
when he is at peace, a robber attacks him.

22 He doesn't believe he will return from darkness;  
he is destined for the sword. <sup>(M)</sup>

23 He wanders about for food, [saying,] "Where is it?"  
He knows the day of darkness is at hand.

24 Trouble <sup>(N)</sup> and distress terrify him,  
overwhelming him like a king prepared for battle.

25 For he has stretched out his hand <sup>(O)</sup> against Yah  
and has arrogantly opposed the Almighty.

26 He rushes headlong at Him  
with his thick, studded shields.

27 Though his face is covered with fat <sup>(e)</sup>  
and his waistline bulges with it,

28 he will dwell in ruined cities,  
in abandoned houses destined to become piles of rubble. <sup>(P)</sup>

<sup>29</sup> He will no longer be rich; his wealth will not endure.  
His possessions <sup>[f]</sup> will not spread over the land.

<sup>30</sup> He will not escape from the darkness;  
flames will wither his shoots,  
and he will depart by the breath of Yah's mouth. <sup>(Q)</sup>

<sup>31</sup> Let him not put trust in worthless things, being led astray,  
for what he gets in exchange will prove worthless.

<sup>32</sup> It will be accomplished before his time,  
and his branch will not flourish.

<sup>33</sup> He will be like a vine that drops its unripe grapes <sup>(R)</sup>  
and like an olive tree that sheds its blossoms.

<sup>34</sup> For the company of the godless <sup>(S)</sup> will be barren,  
and fire will consume the tents of those who offer bribes.

<sup>35</sup> They conceive trouble <sup>(I)</sup> and give birth to evil;  
their womb <sup>(U)</sup> prepares deception. <sup>(V)</sup>

#### Footnotes:

- a. [Job 15:2](#) Lit *windy*; [Jb 16:3]
- b. [Job 15:2](#) Lit *his belly*
- c. [Job 15:13](#) Or *spirit*
- d. [Job 15:20](#) Lit *the number of*
- e. [Job 15:27](#) Lit *with his fat*
- f. [Job 15:29](#) Text emended; Hb uncertain

## Job 16

### Job's Reply to Eliphaz

<sup>1</sup> Then Job answered:

<sup>2</sup> I have heard many things like these.  
You are all miserable comforters. <sup>(A)</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Is there [no] end to your empty <sup>(B)</sup> [a] words?  
What provokes you that you continue testifying?

<sup>4</sup> If you were in my place I could also talk like you.  
I could string words together against you  
and shake my head at you, [but I wouldn't].

<sup>5</sup> I would encourage you with my mouth,  
and the consolation from my lips would bring relief. (C)

<sup>6</sup> Even if I speak, my suffering is not relieved,  
and if I hold back, what have I lost?

<sup>7</sup> Surely He has now exhausted me.  
You have devastated my entire family.

<sup>8</sup> You have shriveled me up [b] —it has become a witness;  
My frailty rises up against me and testifies to my face.

<sup>9</sup> His anger tears [at me], and He harasses (D) me.  
He gnashes His teeth at me.  
My enemy pierces me with His eyes.

<sup>10</sup> They open their mouths against me  
and strike my cheeks with contempt; (E)  
they join themselves together against me.

<sup>11</sup> Yah hands me over to unjust men; [c]  
He throws me into the hands of the wicked.

<sup>12</sup> I was at ease, but He shattered me;  
He seized [me] by the scruff of the neck  
and smashed me to pieces.  
He set me up as His target; (E)

<sup>13</sup> His archers [d] surround me.  
He pierces my kidneys without mercy  
and pours my bile on the ground.

<sup>14</sup> He breaks through my defenses again and again; [e]  
He charges at me like a warrior. (G)

<sup>15</sup> I have sewn sackcloth over my skin;  
I have buried my strength [f] in the dust. (H)

<sup>16</sup> My face has grown red with weeping,  
and the shadow of death (I) covers my eyes,

<sup>17</sup> although my hands are free from violence <sup>(J)</sup>  
and my prayer is pure.

<sup>18</sup> Earth, do not cover my blood;  
may my cry for help find no resting place. <sup>(K)</sup>

<sup>19</sup> Even now my witness is in heaven,  
and my advocate is in the heights! <sup>(L)</sup>

<sup>20</sup> My friends scoff at me  
as I weep before Yah.

<sup>21</sup> I wish that someone might arbitrate  
between a man and Yah <sup>(M)</sup>  
just as a man [pleads] for his friend.

<sup>22</sup> For [only] a few years will pass  
before I go the way of no return.

### Footnotes:

- a. [Job 16:3](#) Lit *windy*; [Jb 15:2]
- b. [Job 16:8](#) Or *have seized me*; Hb obscure
- c. [Job 16:11](#) LXX, Vg; MT reads *to a boy*
- d. [Job 16:13](#) Or *arrows*
- e. [Job 16:14](#) Lit *through me, breach on breach*
- f. [Job 16:15](#) Lit *horn*

### Job 17

<sup>1</sup> My spirit is broken.  
My days are extinguished.  
A graveyard <sup>(A)</sup> awaits me.

<sup>2</sup> Surely mockers surround <sup>[a]</sup> me  
and my eyes must gaze at their rebellion. <sup>(B)</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Make arrangements! Put up security for me. <sup>(C)</sup> <sup>[b]</sup>  
Who [else] will be my sponsor? <sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>4</sup> You have closed their minds to understanding,  
therefore You will not honor [them].

<sup>5</sup> If a man informs on his friends for a price,  
the eyes of his children will fail.

<sup>6</sup> He has made me an object of scorn to the people;  
I have become a man people spit at. (D) [d]

<sup>7</sup> My eyes have grown dim from grief,  
and my whole body has become but a shadow.

<sup>8</sup> The upright are appalled (E) at this,  
and the innocent are roused against the godless.

<sup>9</sup> Yet the righteous person will hold to his way,  
and the one whose hands are clean (E) will grow stronger.

<sup>10</sup> But come back [and try] again, all of you. [e]  
I will not find a wise man among you.

<sup>11</sup> My days have slipped by;  
my plans have been ruined,  
even the things dear to my heart.

<sup>12</sup> They turned night into day  
and [made] light [seem] near in the face of darkness. (G)

<sup>13</sup> If I await Sheol as my home,  
spread out my bed in darkness,

<sup>14</sup> and say to the Pit: You are my father,  
and to the worm: My mother or my sister, (H)

<sup>15</sup> where then is my hope? (I)  
Who can see [any] hope for me?

<sup>16</sup> Will it go down to the gates of Sheol, (J)  
or will we descend together to the dust?

#### Footnotes:

- a. [Job 17:2](#) Lit *are with*
- b. [Job 17:3](#) Lit *me with You*
- c. [Job 17:3](#) Lit *Who is there that will strike himself into my hand*

- d. [Job 17:6](#) Lit *become a spitting to the faces*
- e. [Job 17:10](#) Some Hb mss, LXX, Vg; other Hb mss read *them*

## Job 18

### Bildad Speaks

<sup>1</sup> Then Bildad the Shuhite <sup>(A)</sup> replied:

<sup>2</sup> How long until you stop talking?  
Show some sense, and then we can talk.

<sup>3</sup> Why are we regarded as cattle,  
as stupid in your sight?

<sup>4</sup> You who tear yourself in anger <sup>[a]</sup> —  
should the earth be abandoned on your account,  
or a rock be removed from its place?

<sup>5</sup> Yes, the light <sup>(B)</sup> of the wicked <sup>(C)</sup> is extinguished;  
the flame of his fire does not glow.

<sup>6</sup> The light in his tent grows dark, <sup>(D)</sup>  
and the lamp beside him is put out.

<sup>7</sup> His powerful stride is shortened,  
and his own schemes trip him up. <sup>(E)</sup>

<sup>8</sup> For his own feet lead him into a net,  
and he strays into its mesh.

<sup>9</sup> A trap catches [him] by the heel;  
a noose seizes him.

<sup>10</sup> A rope lies hidden for him on the ground,  
and a snare [waits] for him along the path.

<sup>11</sup> Terrors frighten him on every side <sup>(E)</sup>  
and harass him at every step.

<sup>12</sup> His strength is depleted;  
disaster lies ready for him to stumble. <sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>13</sup> Parts of his skin are eaten away;  
death's firstborn consumes his limbs.

<sup>14</sup> He is ripped from the security of his tent  
and marched away to the king of terrors.

<sup>15</sup> Nothing he owned remains in his tent.  
Burning sulfur <sup>(G)</sup> is scattered over his home.

<sup>16</sup> His roots below dry up,  
and his branches above wither away. <sup>(H)</sup>

<sup>17</sup> [All] memory <sup>(I)</sup> of him perishes from the earth;  
he has no name abroad. <sup>(C)</sup>

<sup>18</sup> He is driven from light to darkness  
and chased from the inhabited world.

<sup>19</sup> He has no children or descendants among his people,  
no survivor where he used to live. <sup>(J)</sup>

<sup>20</sup> Those in the west are appalled <sup>(K)</sup> at his fate,  
while those in the east tremble in horror.

<sup>21</sup> Indeed, such is the dwelling of the wicked,  
and this is the place of the one who does not know Yah. <sup>(L)</sup>

### Footnotes:

- a. [Job 18:4](#) Lit *He who tears himself in his anger*
- b. [Job 18:12](#) Or *disaster hungers for him*
- c. [Job 18:17](#) Or *name in the streets*

## Job 19

### Job's Reply to Bildad

<sup>1</sup> Then Job answered:

<sup>2</sup> **How long will you torment me  
and crush me with words?**

<sup>3</sup> You have humiliated me ten times now,  
and you mistreat <sup>(a)</sup> me without shame. <sup>(A)</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Even if it is true that I have sinned,  
my mistake concerns only <sup>[b]</sup> me.

<sup>5</sup> If you really want to appear superior <sup>(B)</sup> to me  
and would use my disgrace as evidence against me,

<sup>6</sup> then understand that it is Yah who has wronged me  
and caught me in His net. <sup>(C)</sup>

<sup>7</sup> I cry out: Violence! but get no response; <sup>(D)</sup>  
I call for help, but there is no justice.

<sup>8</sup> He has blocked <sup>(E)</sup> my way so that I cannot pass through;  
He has veiled my paths with darkness. <sup>(E)</sup>

<sup>9</sup> He has stripped me of my honor  
and removed the crown from my head.

<sup>10</sup> He tears me down on every side so that I am ruined. <sup>[c]</sup>  
He uproots my hope like a tree. <sup>(G)</sup>

<sup>11</sup> His anger <sup>(H)</sup> burns against me,  
and He regards me as [one of] His enemies. <sup>(I)</sup>

<sup>12</sup> His troops advance together;  
they construct a ramp <sup>[d]</sup> against me  
and camp <sup>(J)</sup> around my tent.

<sup>13</sup> He has removed my brothers from me;  
my acquaintances have abandoned me. <sup>(K)</sup>

<sup>14</sup> My relatives stop coming by,  
and my close friends have forgotten me.

<sup>15</sup> My house guests <sup>[e]</sup> and female servants regard me as a stranger;  
I am a foreigner in their sight. <sup>(L)</sup>

<sup>16</sup> I call for my servant, but he does not answer,  
even if I beg him with my own mouth.

<sup>17</sup> My breath is offensive to my wife,  
and my own children <sup>[f]</sup> find me repulsive.

18 Even young boys scorn me.  
When I stand up, they mock me. (M)

19 All of my best friends [g] despise me, (N)  
and those I love have turned against me. (O)

20 My skin and my flesh cling to my bones;  
I have escaped by the skin of my teeth.

21 Have mercy on me, my friends, (P) have mercy,  
for Yah's hand (Q) has struck me. (R)

22 Why do you persecute me as Yah [does]?  
Will you never get enough of my flesh?

23 I wish that my words were written down,  
that they were recorded on a scroll

24 or were inscribed in stone forever  
by an iron stylus and lead!

25 But I know my living Redeemer, (S) [h]  
and He will stand on the dust [i] at last. (T) [i]

26 Even after my skin has been destroyed, [k]  
yet I will see Yah in [l] my flesh. (U)

27 I will see Him myself;  
my eyes will look at [Him], and not as a stranger. [m]  
My heart longs [n] within me. (V)

28 If you say, "How will we pursue him,  
since the root of the problem lies with him?" [o]

29 be afraid of the sword,  
because wrath [brings] punishment by the sword, (W)  
so that you may know there is a judgment.

### Footnotes:

- a. [Job 19:3](#) Hb obscure
- b. [Job 19:4](#) Lit *mistake lives with*
- c. [Job 19:10](#) Lit *gone*
- d. [Job 19:12](#) Lit *they raise up their way*
- e. [Job 19:15](#) Or *The resident aliens in my household*

- f. [Job 19:17](#) Lit *and the sons of my belly*
- g. [Job 19:19](#) Lit *of the men of my council*
- h. [Job 19:25](#) Or *know that my Redeemer is living*
- i. [Job 19:25](#) Or *earth*
- j. [Job 19:25](#) Or *dust at the last, or dust as the Last One*
- k. [Job 19:26](#) Lit *skin which they destroyed, or skin they destroyed in this way*
- l. [Job 19:26](#) Or *apart from*
- m. [Job 19:27](#) Or *not a stranger*
- n. [Job 19:27](#) Lit *My kidneys grow faint*
- o. [Job 19:28](#) Some Hb mss, LXX, Vg; other Hb mss read *me*

## Job 40

### <sup>1</sup> **Yah answered Job:**

<sup>2</sup> Will the one who contends with the Almighty correct [Him]?  
Let him who argues with Yah give an answer. <sup>(a)</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Then Job answered Yah:

<sup>4</sup> I am so insignificant. How can I answer You? <sup>(A)</sup>  
I place my hand over my mouth.

<sup>5</sup> I have spoken once, and I will not reply;  
twice, but [now] I can add nothing. <sup>(B)</sup>

<sup>6</sup> Then Yah answered Job from the whirlwind: <sup>(C)</sup>

<sup>7</sup> **Get ready to answer Me like a man;  
When I question <sup>(D)</sup> you, you will inform Me.**

<sup>8</sup> Would you really challenge My justice?  
Would you declare Me guilty <sup>(E)</sup> to justify yourself? <sup>(E)</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Do you have an arm like Yah's?  
Can you thunder with a voice like His?

<sup>10</sup> Adorn yourself with majesty <sup>(G)</sup> and splendor,  
and clothe yourself with honor and glory.

<sup>11</sup> Unleash your raging anger; <sup>(H)</sup>  
look on every proud person and humiliate him. <sup>(I)</sup>

<sup>12</sup> Look on every proud person and humble him; <sup>(J)</sup>  
trample the wicked where they stand. <sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>13</sup> Hide them together in the dust;  
imprison them in the grave. <sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>14</sup> Then I will confess to you  
that your own right hand <sup>(K)</sup> can deliver you. <sup>(L)</sup>

<sup>15</sup> Look at Behemoth,  
which I made along with you.  
He eats grass like an ox.

<sup>16</sup> Look at the strength of his loins  
and the power in the muscles of his belly.

<sup>17</sup> He stiffens his tail like a cedar tree;  
the tendons of his thighs are woven firmly together.

<sup>18</sup> His bones are bronze tubes;  
his limbs are like iron rods.

<sup>19</sup> He is the foremost of Yah's works; <sup>(M)</sup>  
[only] his Maker can draw the sword against him.

<sup>20</sup> The hills yield food for him,  
while all [sorts of] wild animals play there.

<sup>21</sup> He lies under the lotus plants,  
hiding in the protection <sup>[d]</sup> of marshy reeds.

<sup>22</sup> Lotus plants cover him with their shade;  
the willows by the brook surround him.

<sup>23</sup> Though the river rages, Behemoth is unafraid;  
he remains confident, even if the Jordan surges up to his mouth.

<sup>24</sup> Can anyone capture him while he looks on, <sup>[e]</sup>  
or pierce his nose with snares?

#### **Footnotes:**

- a. [Job 40:2](#) Lit *Yah respond to it*

- b. [Job 40:12](#) Lit *wicked in their place*
- c. [Job 40:13](#) Lit *together; bind their faces in the hidden place*
- d. [Job 40:21](#) Lit *plants, in the hiding place*
- e. [Job 40:24](#) Lit *capture it in its eyes*

### **Job 41 (Yah Answers Job continued....)**

- <sup>1</sup> (A) Can you pull in Leviathan (B) with a hook (C) or tie his tongue down with a rope?
- <sup>2</sup> Can you put a cord [a] through his nose or pierce his jaw with a hook? (D)
- <sup>3</sup> Will he beg you for mercy or speak softly to you?
- <sup>4</sup> Will he make a covenant with you so that you can take him as a slave forever? (E)
- <sup>5</sup> Can you play with him like a bird or put him on a leash [b] for your girls?
- <sup>6</sup> Will traders bargain for him or divide him among the merchants?
- <sup>7</sup> Can you fill his hide with harpoons or his head with fishing spears?
- <sup>8</sup> Lay a [c] hand on him.  
You will remember the battle  
and never repeat it!
- <sup>9</sup> (E) Any hope of [capturing] him proves false.  
Does a person not collapse at the very sight of him?
- <sup>10</sup> No one is ferocious [enough] to rouse Leviathan; (G)  
who then can stand against Me?
- <sup>11</sup> Who confronted Me, that I should repay him?  
Everything under heaven belongs to Me. (H)
- <sup>12</sup> I cannot be silent about his limbs,  
his power, and his graceful proportions.

13 Who can strip off his outer covering?  
Who can penetrate his double layer of armor? <sup>[d]</sup> <sup>[d]</sup>

14 Who can open his jaws, <sup>[e]</sup>  
surrounded by those terrifying teeth?

15 [His] pride is in [his] rows of scales,  
closely sealed together.

16 One scale is so close to another <sup>[f]</sup>  
that no air can pass between them.

17 They are joined to one another,  
so closely connected <sup>[g]</sup> they cannot be separated.

18 His snorting <sup>[h]</sup> flashes with light,  
while his eyes are like the rays <sup>[i]</sup> of dawn.

19 Flaming torches shoot from his mouth;  
fiery sparks fly out!

20 Smoke billows from his nostrils <sup>[j]</sup>  
as from a boiling pot or [burning] reeds.

21 His breath sets coals ablaze,  
and flames pour out of his mouth.

22 Strength resides in his neck,  
and dismay dances before him.

23 The folds of his flesh are joined together,  
solid as metal <sup>[k]</sup> and immovable.

24 His heart is as hard as a rock,  
as hard as a lower millstone!

25 When Leviathan rises, the mighty <sup>[l]</sup> are terrified;  
they withdraw because of [his] thrashing.

26 The sword that reaches him will have no effect,  
nor will a spear, dart, or arrow.

27 He regards iron as straw,  
and bronze as rotten wood.

<sup>28</sup> No arrow can make him flee;  
slingstones become like stubble to him.

<sup>29</sup> A club is regarded as stubble,  
and he laughs <sup>(K)</sup> at the whirring of a javelin.

<sup>30</sup> His undersides are jagged potsherds,  
spreading the mud like a threshing sledge. <sup>(L)</sup>

<sup>31</sup> He makes the depths seethe like a caldron;  
he makes the sea like an ointment jar.

<sup>32</sup> He leaves a shining wake behind him; <sup>[I]</sup>  
one would think the deep had white hair!

<sup>33</sup> He has no equal on earth—  
a creature devoid of fear!

<sup>34</sup> He surveys everything that is haughty;  
he is king over all the proud beasts. <sup>[m]</sup>

#### Footnotes:

- a. [Job 41:2](#) Lit *reed*
- b. [Job 41:5](#) Lit *or bind him*
- c. [Job 41:8](#) Lit *your*
- d. [Job 41:13](#) LXX; MT reads *double bridle*
- e. [Job 41:14](#) Lit *open the doors of his face*
- f. [Job 41:16](#) Lit *One by one they approach*
- g. [Job 41:17](#) Lit *another; they cling together and*
- h. [Job 41:18](#) Or *sneezing*
- i. [Job 41:18](#) Lit *eyelids*
- j. [Job 41:23](#) Lit *together, hard on him*
- k. [Job 41:25](#) Or *the divine beings*
- l. [Job 41:32](#) Lit *a path*
- m. [Job 41:34](#) Lit *the children of pride*

## Job 42

### Job Replies to Yah

<sup>1</sup> Then Job replied to Yah:

<sup>2</sup> I <sup>[a]</sup> know that You can do anything  
and no plan of Yours can be thwarted. <sup>(A)</sup>

<sup>3</sup> [You asked,] "Who is this who conceals [My] counsel with ignorance?" <sup>(B)</sup>  
Surely I spoke about things I did not understand,  
things too wonderful for me to <sup>[b]</sup> know. <sup>(C)</sup>

<sup>4</sup> [You said,] "Listen now, and I will speak.  
When I question <sup>(D)</sup> you, you will inform Me."

<sup>5</sup> I had heard rumors about You,  
but now my eyes <sup>(E)</sup> have seen You.

<sup>6</sup> Therefore I take back [my words]  
and repent in dust and ashes. <sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>7</sup> After Yah had finished speaking <sup>[d]</sup> to Job,

**He said to Eliphaz the Temanite: "I am angry with you and your two friends, for you have not spoken the truth about Me, as My servant Job has."**

<sup>8</sup> Now take seven bulls and seven rams, go to My servant Job, and offer a burnt offering for yourselves.

Then My servant Job will pray for you. <sup>(F)</sup> I will surely accept his [prayer] **and not deal with you as your folly deserves. For you have not spoken the truth about Me, as My servant Job has."**

<sup>9</sup> Then **Eliphaz the Temanite**, **Bildad the Shuhite**, and **Zophar the Naamathite** went and did as Yah had told them, and Yah accepted Job's [prayer].

### **Yah Restores Job**

<sup>10</sup> After Job had prayed for his friends, Yah restored his prosperity and doubled his [previous] possessions. <sup>(G)</sup> <sup>11</sup> All his brothers, sisters, and former acquaintances <sup>(H)</sup> came to his house and dined with him in his house. They offered him sympathy and comfort concerning all the adversity Yah had brought on him. Each one gave him a *qesitah* <sup>(I)</sup>, <sup>[e]</sup> and a gold earring. <sup>(J)</sup>

<sup>12</sup> So Yah blessed the latter part of Job's life more than the earlier. He owned 14,000 sheep, 6,000 camels, 1,000 yoke of oxen, and 1,000 female donkeys. <sup>13</sup> He also had seven sons and three daughters.

<sup>14</sup> He named his first [daughter] Jemimah, his second Keziah, and his third Keren-happuch. <sup>(K)</sup> <sup>15</sup> No women as beautiful as Job's daughters could be found in all the land, and their father granted them an inheritance with their brothers.

<sup>16</sup> Job lived 140 years after this and saw his children and their children to the **fourth generation**. <sup>17</sup> Then Job died, old and full of days. <sup>(L)</sup>

#### Footnotes:

- a. [Job 42:2](#) Alt Hb tradition reads *You*
- b. [Job 42:3](#) Lit *me, and I did not*
- c. [Job 42:6](#) LXX reads *I despise myself and melt; I consider myself dust and ashes*
- d. [Job 42:7](#) Lit *speaking these words*
- e. [Job 42:11](#) The value of the currency is unknown; [Gn 33:19]; [Jos 24:32]

#### [Job 23:10](#)

But he knows the way that I take: when he hath **tried** me, I shall come forth as gold.

#### [Psalm 17:3](#)

You hast proved mine heart; you hast visited me in the night; you have **tried** me, and shall find nothing; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

#### [Psalm 18:30](#)

As for Yah, his way is perfect: **the word of Yah is tried**: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

#### [Psalm 66:10](#)

For you, O Yah, hast proved us: you have **tried** us, as silver is **tried**.

#### [Psalm 105:19](#)

**Until the time that his word came**: the word of Yah **tried** him.

#### [Isaiah 28:16](#)

Therefore this says Yah Creator, 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.

#### [Jeremiah 12:3](#)

But you, O Yah, know me: you have seen me, and **tried** mine heart toward you: pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of

slaughter.

**Daniel 12:10**

Many shall be purified, and made white, and **tried**; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

**Zechariah 13:9**

And I will bring **the third part** through **the fire**, and will refine them as silver is refined, **and will try them** as gold is **tried**: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, Yah is my Creator.

1. **Isaiah 34:8**

For it is the day of Yah's vengeance, and the year of recompences for the **controversy** of Zion.

2. **Jeremiah 25:31**

A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for Yah hath a **controversy** with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, says Yah.

3. **Ezekiel 44:24**

And in **controversy** they shall stand in judgment; and they shall judge it according to my judgments: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine assemblies; and they shall hallow my Sabbaths.

4. **Hosea 4:1**

Hear the word of Yah, ye children of Israel: for Yah hath a **controversy** with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of Yah in the land.

5. **Hosea 12:2**

Yah also has a **controversy** with Judah, and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings will he recompense him.

6. **Micah 6:2**

Hear ye, O mountains, Yah's **controversy**, and you strong foundations of the earth: for Yah hath a **controversy** with his people, and he will

plead with Israel.

## Jeremiah 25

### Seventy Years of Captivity

<sup>1</sup> This message for all the people of Judah came to Jeremiah from Yah during the fourth year of Jehoiakim's reign over Judah.<sup>[a]</sup> This was the year when King Nebuchadnezzar<sup>[b]</sup> of Babylon began his reign.

<sup>2</sup> Jeremiah the prophet said to all the people in Judah and Jerusalem, <sup>3</sup> **"For the past twenty-three years—from the thirteenth year of the reign of Josiah son of Amon,<sup>[c]</sup> king of Judah, until now—Yah has been giving me his messages. I have faithfully passed them on to you, but you have not listened.**

<sup>4</sup> "Again and again Yah has sent you his servants, the prophets, but you have not listened or even paid attention. <sup>5</sup> Each time the message was this: 'Turn from the evil road you are traveling and from the evil things you are doing. Only then will I let you live in this land that Yah gave to you and your ancestors forever. <sup>6</sup> Do not provoke my anger by worshiping idols you made with your own hands. Then I will not harm you.'

<sup>7</sup> "But you would not listen to me," says Yah. "You made me furious by worshiping idols you made with your own hands, bringing on yourselves all the disasters you now suffer. <sup>8</sup> And now Yah of Heaven's Armies says: Because you have not listened to me, <sup>9</sup> I will gather together all the armies of the north under King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, whom I have appointed as my deputy. I will bring them all against this land and its people and against the surrounding nations. I will completely destroy<sup>[d]</sup> you and make you an object of horror and contempt and a ruin forever.

<sup>10</sup> I will take away your happy singing and laughter. The joyful voices of bridegrooms and brides will no longer be heard. Your millstones will fall silent, and the lights in your homes will go out. <sup>11</sup> **This entire land will become a desolate wasteland. Israel and her neighboring lands will serve the king of Babylon for seventy years.**

<sup>12</sup> "Then, after the seventy years of captivity are over, I will punish the king of Babylon and his people for their sins," says Yah. "I will make the country of the Babylonians<sup>[e]</sup> a wasteland forever. <sup>13</sup> I will bring upon them all the terrors I have promised in this book—all the penalties announced by Jeremiah against the nations. <sup>14</sup> Many nations and great kings will enslave

the Babylonians, just as they enslaved my people. I will punish them in proportion to the suffering they cause my people.”

### The Cup of Yah’s Anger

<sup>15</sup> This is what Yah, the God of Israel, said to me: “Take from my hand this cup filled to the brim with my anger, and make all the nations to whom I send you drink from it. <sup>16</sup> When they drink from it, they will stagger, crazed by the warfare I will send against them.”

<sup>17</sup> So I took the cup of anger from Yah and made all the nations drink from it—every nation to which Yah sent me. <sup>18</sup> I went to Jerusalem and the other towns of Judah, and their kings and officials drank from the cup. From that day until this, they have been a desolate ruin, an object of horror, contempt, and cursing. <sup>19</sup> I gave the cup to Pharaoh, king of Egypt, his attendants, his officials, and all his people, <sup>20</sup> along with all the foreigners living in that land. I also gave it to all the kings of the land of Uz and the kings of the Philistine cities of Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron, and what remains of Ashdod. <sup>21</sup> Then I gave the cup to the nations of Edom, Moab, and Ammon, <sup>22</sup> and the kings of Tyre and Sidon, and the kings of the regions across the sea.

<sup>23</sup> I gave it to Dedan, Tema, and Buz, and to the people who live in distant places. <sup>24</sup> I gave it to the kings of Arabia, the kings of the nomadic tribes of the desert, <sup>25</sup> and to the kings of Zimri, Elam, and Media. <sup>26</sup> And I gave it to the kings of the northern countries, far and near, one after the other—all the kingdoms of the world. And finally, the king of Babylon <sup>[g]</sup> himself drank from the cup of Yah’s anger.

<sup>27</sup> Then Yah said to me, “Now tell them, ‘This is what Yah of Heaven’s Armies, the God of Israel, says: Drink from this cup of my anger. **Get drunk and vomit;** fall to rise no more, for I am sending terrible wars against you.’

<sup>28</sup> And if they refuse to accept the cup, tell them, ‘Yah of Heaven’s Armies says: You have no choice but to drink from it. <sup>29</sup> I have begun to punish Jerusalem, the city that bears my name. Now should I let you go unpunished? No, you will not escape disaster. **I will call for war against all the nations of the earth. I, Yah of Heaven’s Armies, have spoken!**’

<sup>30</sup> “Now prophesy all these things, and say to them,

“Yah will roar against his own land  
from his holy dwelling in heaven.  
He will shout like those who tread grapes;

- he will shout against everyone on earth.
- <sup>31</sup> His cry of judgment will reach the ends of the earth,  
for Yah will bring his case against all the nations.  
He will judge all the people of the earth,  
slaughtering the wicked with the sword.  
I, Yah, have spoken!”
- <sup>32</sup> This is what Yah of Heaven’s Armies says:  
“Look! Disaster will fall upon nation after nation!  
A great whirlwind of fury is rising  
from the most distant corners of the earth!”
- <sup>33</sup> In that day those Yah has slaughtered will fill the earth from one end to  
the other. No one will mourn for them or gather up their bodies to bury  
them. They will be scattered on the ground like manure.
- <sup>34</sup> Weep and moan, **you evil shepherds!**  
Roll in the dust, **you leaders of the flock!**  
**The time of your slaughter has arrived;**  
you will fall and shatter like a fragile vase.
- <sup>35</sup> You will find no place to hide;  
there will be no way to escape.
- <sup>36</sup> **Listen to the frantic cries of the shepherds.**  
**The leaders of the flock are wailing in despair,**  
**for Yah is ruining their pastures.**
- <sup>37</sup> Peaceful meadows will be turned into a wasteland  
by Yah’s fierce anger.
- <sup>38</sup> He has left his den like a strong lion seeking its prey,  
and their land will be made desolate  
by the sword of the enemy  
and Yah’s fierce anger.

#### Footnotes:

- a. [Jeremiah 25:1](#) The fourth year of Jehoiakim’s reign and the accession year of Nebuchadnezzar’s reign was 605 b.c.
- b. [Jeremiah 25:1](#) Hebrew *Nebuchadrezzar*, a variant spelling of Nebuchadnezzar; also in 25:9.
- c. [Jeremiah 25:3](#) The thirteenth year of Josiah’s reign was 627 b.c.
- d. [Jeremiah 25:9](#) The Hebrew term used here refers to the complete consecration of things or people to Yah, either by destroying them or by giving them as an offering.
- e. [Jeremiah 25:12](#) Or *Chaldeans*.
- f. [Jeremiah 25:23](#) Or *who clip the corners of their hair*.
- g. [Jeremiah 25:26](#) Hebrew of *Sheshach*, a code name for Babylon.

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### Hosea 12

- <sup>1</sup> <sup>[a]</sup> The people of Israel <sup>[b]</sup> feed on the wind;  
they chase after the east wind all day long.  
They pile up lies and violence;  
they are making an alliance with Assyria  
while sending olive oil to buy support from Egypt.
- <sup>2</sup> Now Yah is bringing charges against Judah.  
He is about to punish Jacob <sup>[c]</sup> for all his deceitful ways,  
and pay him back for all he has done.
- <sup>3</sup> Even in the womb,  
Jacob struggled with his brother;  
when he became a man,  
he even fought with God.
- <sup>4</sup> Yes, he wrestled with the angel and won.  
He wept and pleaded for a blessing from him.  
**There at Bethel he met God face to face,  
and God spoke to him** <sup>[d]</sup>—
- <sup>5</sup> Yah God of Heaven’s Armies,  
Yah is his name!
- <sup>6</sup> So now, come back to your God.  
Act with love and justice,  
and always depend on him.
- <sup>7</sup> But no, the people are like crafty merchants  
selling from dishonest scales—  
they love to cheat.
- <sup>8</sup> Israel boasts, “I am rich!  
I’ve made a fortune all by myself!  
No one has caught me cheating!  
My record is spotless!”
- <sup>9</sup> “But I am Yah your Creator,  
who rescued you from slavery in Egypt.  
**And I will make you live in tents again,**  
as you do each year at the Festival of Shelters.” <sup>[e]</sup>

- <sup>10</sup> I sent my prophets to warn you  
with many visions and parables.”
- <sup>11</sup> But the people of Gilead are worthless  
because of their idol worship.  
And in Gilgal, too, they sacrifice bulls;  
their altars are lined up like the heaps of stone  
along the edges of a plowed field.
- <sup>12</sup> Jacob fled to the land of Aram,  
and there he<sup>[f]</sup> earned a wife by tending sheep.
- <sup>13</sup> **Then by a prophet**  
**Yah brought Jacob’s descendants<sup>[g]</sup> out of Egypt;**  
**and by that prophet**  
**they were protected.**
- <sup>14</sup> But the people of Israel  
have bitterly provoked Yah,  
so their Lord will now sentence them to death  
in payment for their sins.

#### **Footnotes:**

- a. [Hosea 12:1](#) Verses 12:1-14 are numbered 12:2-15 in Hebrew text.
- b. [Hosea 12:1](#) Hebrew *Ephraim*, referring to the northern kingdom of Israel; also in 12:8, 14.
- c. [Hosea 12:2](#) *Jacob* sounds like the Hebrew word for “deceiver.”
- d. [Hosea 12:4](#) As in Greek and Syriac versions; Hebrew reads *to us*.
- e. [Hosea 12:9](#) Hebrew *as in the days of your appointed feast*.
- f. [Hosea 12:12](#) Hebrew *Israel*. See note on 10:11b.
- g. [Hosea 12:13](#) Hebrew *brought Israel*. See note on 10:11b.

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