

## Book of ISAIA

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Chapter 1.

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The compliant of IEUE against Judah.

2. Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth: for IEUE hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

3. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Isrhael doth not know, my people doth not consider.

4. Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken IEUE, they have provoked the Holy One of Isrhael unto anger, they are gone away backward.

The desperate condition of Judah.

5. Why should ye be stricken any more? you will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.

6. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.

7. Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.

8. And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.

9. Except IEUE of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

Aleim hates their empty religious ceremonies.

10. Hear the word of IEUE, you rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our Aleim, you people of Gomorrah.

11. To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith IEUE: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.

12. When you come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?

13. Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

14. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.

15. And when you spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

IEUE offers a cure.

16. Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil;

17. Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

18. Come now, and let us reason together, saith IEUE: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

19. If you be willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land:

20. But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of IEUE hath spoken it.

A promise of redemption - with justice.

The unjust leaders of Judah.

21. How is the faithful city become an harlot! it was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.

22. Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water:

23. Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves: every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

IEUE' plan of redemption with justice.

24. Therefore saith the Master, IEUE of hosts, the mighty One of Isrhael, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies:

25. And I will turn my hand upon thee, and purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin:

26. And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shall be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.

27. Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.

28. And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake IEUE shall be consumed.

29. For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which you have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that you have chosen.

30. For you shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water.

31. And the strong shall be as tow, and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench them.

Hope and Fear.

The hope of the Moseea's Reign.

A word concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

Chapter 2.

1. The word that Isaia the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

The exaltation of Judah and Jerusalem.

2. And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of IEUE'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

3. And many people shall go and say, Come you, and let us go up to the mountain of IEUE, to the house of the Aleim of Iakob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of IEUE from Jerusalem.

The peaceful nature of the Moseea's reign.

4. And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

The threat of the coming judgment.

A plea to walk in the light of IEUE.

5. O house of Iakob, come you, and let us walk in the light of IEUE.

The sins that prevent Judah from walking in the light of IEUE.

6. Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Iakob, because they be replenished from the east, and are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they please themselves in the children of strangers.

7. Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures; their land is also full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots:

8. Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made:

9. And the mean man boweth down, and the great man humbleth himself: therefore forgive them not.

A description of the day of judgment.

10. Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of IEUE, and for the glory of his majesty.

11. The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and IEUE alone shall be exalted in that day.

12. For the day of IEUE of hosts shall be upon everyone that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

13. And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan,

14. And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up,

15. And upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall,

16. And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant pictures.

17. And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and IEUE alone shall be exalted in that day.

18. And the idols he shall utterly abolish.

19. And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of IEUE, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

20. In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats;

21. To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of IEUE, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

22. Cease you from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?

The sins of Judah.

Profile of a society under judgment.

Shortages of food, water and competent leaders.

Chapter 3.

1. For, behold, the Master, IEUE of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water,
2. The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient,
3. The captain of fifty, and the honourable man, and the counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator.
4. And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them.
5. And the people shall be oppressed, everyone by another, and everyone by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable.
6. When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, saying, Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler, and let this ruin be under thy hand:
7. In that day shall he swear, saying, I will not be an healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people.

Why Judah is ripe for judgment.

8. For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against IEUE, to provoke the eyes of his glory.
- 9 The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves.
10. Say you to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings.
11. Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.
12. As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.

Aleim's case against Judah.

Their ill treatment of the poor.

13. IEUE standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people.
14. IEUE will enter into judgment with the ancients of His people, and the princes thereof: for you have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses.

15. What mean you that ye beat my people to pieces, and grind the faces of the poor? saith the Master Aleim of hosts.

The sinful women of Judah and the judgment of IEUE against them.

16. Moreover IEUE saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:

17. Therefore the Master will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and IEUE will discover their secret parts.

18. In that day the Master will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon,

19. The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers,

20. The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings,

21. The rings, and nose jewels,

22. The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins,

23. The glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the vails.

More of the judgment of IEUE on the sinful daughters of Zion.

24. And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth; and burning instead of beauty.

25. Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war.

26. And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she being desolate shall sit upon the ground.

The Moseea's community.

Judgment on the daughters of Zion and a glorious hope.

The desperate condition of the daughters of Zion.

Chapter 4.

1. And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.

The glorious hope of the branch of IEUE.

2. In that day shall the branch of IEUE be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israhel.

Zion under the government of the branch of IEUE.

Holiness marks the society where the branch of IEUE reigns.

3. And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem:

More characteristics of the society where the branch of IEUE reigns.

4. When the Master shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.

5. And IEUE will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence.

6. And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.



The vineyard of IEUE.

The Parable of the vineyard.

The unproductive vineyard.

Chapter 5.

1. Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill:

2. And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.

Aleim asks Jerusalem and Judah to consider the story of the vineyard.

3. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard.

4. What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it? wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes?

Aleim's judgment on the unproductive vineyard.

5. And now go to; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down:

6. And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

7. For the vineyard of IEUE of hosts is the house of Israhel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for judgment, but behold oppression; for righteousness, but behold a cry.

Woe to the nation ripe for judgment.

Woe to the land barons.

8. Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth!

9. In mine ears said IEUE of hosts, Of a truth many houses shall be desolate, even great and fair, without inhabitant.

10. Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and the seed of an homer shall yield an ephah.

Woe to those who party endlessly and celebrate everything but Aleim.

11. Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them!

12. And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of IEUE, neither consider the operation of his hands.

13. Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

14. Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.

15. And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled:

16. But IEUE of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.

17. Then shall the lambs feed after their manner, and the waste places of the fat ones shall strangers eat.

Woe to those who confuse moral issues, who think that they know better than Aleim does.

18. Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope:

19. That say, Let him make speed, and hasten his work, that we may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it!

20. Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

21. Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

Woe to the corrupt, who place greater value on drinking than on fairness and justice.

22. Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink:

23. Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

IEUE promises a sure and complete judgment.

24. Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of IEUE of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israhael.

25. Therefore is the anger of IEUE kindled against His people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcasses were torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

26. And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth: and, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly:

27. None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of their shoes be broken:

28. Whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent, their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind:

29. Their roaring shall be like a lion, they shall roar like young lions: yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry it away safe, and none shall deliver it.

30. And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea: and if one look unto the land, behold darkness and sorrow, and the light is darkened in the heavens thereof.

Isaia' conviction, cleaning and call.

The conviction of the prophet.

What Isaia saw.

Chapter 6.

1. In the year that king Uzzia died I saw also the Master sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

2. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

What Isaia heard.

3. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is IEUE of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

4. And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

What Isaia felt.

5. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, IEUE of hosts.

The cleansing of the prophet.

A seraphim brings a coal from the altar.

6. Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:

A coal from the altar cleanses Isaia' lips.

7. And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.

The commission of the prophet.

Aleim calls and Isaia responds.

8. Also I heard the voice of the Master, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

His mission described.

9. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear you indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.

10. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

Isaia is told how long he must prophecy this way.

11. Then said I, Master, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,

12. And IEUE have removed men far away, and there be a great forsaking in the midst of the land.

13. But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast their leaves: so the holy seed shall be the substance thereof.

Shear-lasub and Immanuel.

The sign of Shear-lasub.

The northern nation of Isrhael and Syria combine to attack Judah.

Chapter 7.

1. And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Iotham, the son of Uzzia, king of Judah, that Rhezim the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Isrhael, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it.

2. And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind.

The word of IEUE to Ahaz through Isaia.

3. Then said IEUE unto Isaia, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and Shearjashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool in the highway of the fuller's field;

4. And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be fainthearted for the two tails of these smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rhezim with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah.

5. Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have taken evil counsel against thee, saying,

6. Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set a king in the midst of it, even the son of Tabeal:

7. Thus saith the Master Aleim, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass.

8. For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin; and within threescore and five years shall Ephraim be broken, that it be not a people.

9. And the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If ye will not believe, surely you shall not be established.

The sign of Immanuel.

Ahaz will not ask for a sign.

10. Moreover IEUE spake again unto Ahaz, saying,

11. Ask thee a sign of IEUE thy Aleim; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above.

12. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt IEUE.

IEUE's sign to Ahaz: the sign of Immanuel.

13. And he said, Hear you now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my Aleim also?

14. Therefore the Master himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

15. Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

16. For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings.

Assyria, the nation Ahaz trusted, will also bring ruin to Judah.

17. IEUE shall bring upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon thy father's house, days that have not come, from the day that Ephrhaim departed from Judah; even the king of Assyria.

18. And it shall come to pass in that day, that IEUE shall hiss for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria.

19. And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all bushes.

20. In the same day shall the Master shave with a razor that is hired, namely, by them beyond the river, by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet: and it shall also consume the beard.

21. And it shall come to pass in that day, that a man shall nourish a young cow, and two sheep;

22. And it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk that they shall give he shall eat butter: for butter and honey shall every one eat that is left in the land.

23. And it shall come to pass in that day, that every place shall be, where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silverlings, it shall even be for briers and thorns.

24. With arrows and with bows shall men come thither; because all the land shall become briers and thorns.

25. And on all hills that shall be digged with the mattock, there shall not come thither the fear of briers and thorns: but it shall be for the sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of lesser cattle.

The sign of Maerh-Salal-as-baz.

The coming Assyrian invasion against Syria and Isrhael.

The invasion is announced by the naming of Isaia' son.

Chapter 8.

1. Moreover IEUE said unto me, Take thee a great roll, and write in it with a man's pen concerning Maher-shalal-hash-baz.
2. And I took unto me faithful witnesses to record, Urhia the priest, and Zecharhia the son of Ieberechia.
3. And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said IEUE to me, Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz.
4. For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and my mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.

Judah will be afflicted also.

5. IEUE spake also unto me again, saying,
6. Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of Shiloah that go softly, and rejoice in Rhezin and Rhemalia's son;
7. Now therefore, behold, the Master bringeth up upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, even the king of Assyria, and all his glory: and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks:
8. And he shall pass through Judah; he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel.
9. Associate yourselves, O you people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all you of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and you shall be broken in pieces.
10. Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for Aleim is with us.

How Judah can prepare for this invasion.

Prepare by fearing Aleim not Assyria.

11. For IEUE spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying,
12. Say you not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say, A confederacy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.



13. Sanctify IEUE of hosts Himself; and let Him be your fear, and let him be your dread.
14. And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
15. And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.

Prepare by waiting on IEUE.

16. Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.
17. And I will wait upon IEUE, that hideth His face from the house of Iakob, and I will look for him.
18. Behold, I and the children whom IEUE hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from IEUE of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

Prepare by seeking His light and word, not the darkness of the Occult.

19. And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their Aleim? for the living to the dead?
20. To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.
21. And they shall pass through it, hardly bestead and hungry: and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse their king and their Aleim, and look upward.
22. And they shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and they shall be driven to darkness.

Unto us a child is born.

Hope for Isrhael.

A day of light for the northern tribes.

Chapter 9.

1. Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation, when at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, and afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations.

2. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Joy in the Moseea's deliverance and victory.

3. Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, and as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

4. For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.

5. For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.

The glory of the Moseea who will Reign.

6. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty Aleim, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

The glory of the Moseea's Reign.

7. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of Daud, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of IEUE of hosts will perform this.

Because of their unholy pride, Isrhael will be defeated by her enemies.

8. The Master sent a word into Iakob, and it hath lighted upon Isrhael.

9. And all the people shall know, even Ephrhaim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in the pride and stoutness of heart,

10. The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones: the sycomores are cut down, but we will change them into cedars.

11. Therefore IEUE shall set up the adversaries of Rhezin against him, and join his enemies together;

12. The Syrians before, and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

Because they refuse to repent, there will be an overthrow of leadership.

13. For the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them, neither do they seek IEUE of hosts.

14. Therefore IEUE will cut off from Isrhael head and tail, branch and rush, in one day.

15. The ancient and honourable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail.

16. For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed.

17. Therefore the Master shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have mercy on their fatherless and widows: for every one is an hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

Because of prevailing wickedness they will attack their own brothers.

18. For wickedness burneth as the fire: it shall devour the briers and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest, and they shall mount up like the lifting up of smoke.

19. Through the wrath of IEUE of hosts is the land darkened, and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire: no man shall spare his brother.

20. And he shall snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied: they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm:

21. Manasse, Ephrhaim; and Ephrhaim, Manasse: and they together shall be against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

Assyria judged.

Because of social injustice, they will be exiled and slain.

Chapter 10.

1. Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and that write grievousness which they have prescribed;
2. To turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless!
3. And what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from far? to whom will you flee for help? and where will you leave your glory?
4. Without me they shall bow down under the prisoners, and they shall fall under the slain. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

Assyria, the unintentional instrument in the hand of IEUE.

5. O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.
6. I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.
7. Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few.

The arrogance of Assyria.

8. For he saith, Are not my princes altogether kings?
9. Is not Calno as Carchemish? is not Hamath as Arpad? is not Samaria as Damascus?
10. As my hand hath found the kingdoms of the idols, and whose graven images did excel them of Jerusalem and of Samaria;
11. Shall I not, as I have done unto Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols?
12. Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when the Master hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.
13. For he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man:

14. And my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the people: and as one gathereth eggs that are left, have I gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or peeped.

Aleim assesses of the arrogance of Assyria.

15. Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith? or shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it? as if the rod should shake itself against them that lift it up, or as if the staff should lift up itself, as if it were no wood.

16. Therefore shall the Master, the Master of hosts, send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire.

17. And the light of Isrhael shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day;

18. And shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body: and they shall be as when a standardbearer fainteth.

19. And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, that a child may write them.

Do not be afraid of the Assyrian.

20. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Isrhael, and such as are escaped of the house of Iakob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon IEUE, the Holy One of Isrhael, in truth.

21. The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Iakob, unto the mighty Aleim.

22. For though thy people Isrhael be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness.

23. For the Master Aleim of hosts shall make a consumption, even determined, in the midst of all the land.

24. Therefore thus saith the Master Aleim of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt.

25. For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease, and mine anger in their destruction.

26. And IEUE of hosts shall stir up a scourge for him according to the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb: and as his rod was upon the sea, so shall he lift it up after the manner of Egypt.

27. And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

A prophetic description of the arrival of the army of the Assyrians.

28. He is come to Aiath, he is passed to Migron; at Michmash he hath laid up his carriages:

29. They are gone over the passage: they have taken up their lodging at Geba; Ramah is afraid; Gibeah of Saul is fled.

30. Lift up thy voice, O daughter of Gallim: cause it to be heard unto Laish, O poor Anathoth.

31. Madmenah is removed; the inhabitants of Gebim gather themselves to flee.

32. As yet shall he remain at Nob that day: he shall shake his hand against the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

IEUE humbles the proud among the people of Judah.

33. Behold, the Master, IEUE of hosts, shall lop the bough with terror: and the high ones of stature shall be hewn down, and the haughty shall be humbled.

34. And he shall cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.

The branch and root of lesse.

The character of the King.

A stem sprouts forth from the stump of lesse.

Chapter 11.

1. And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of lesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:

The spiritual empowerment of the Moseea.

2. And the spirit of IEUE shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of IEUE;

The perfect character of the Moseea.

3. And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of IEUE: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears:

4. But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

The glorious reign of the king.

The new ecology of the reign of the Moseea.

6. The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

7. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

9. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of IEUE, as the waters cover the sea.

The new Exodus of the Millennial reign of the Moseea.

10. And in that day there shall be a root of lesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the non Jews seek: and His rest shall be glorious.

11. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Master shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

12. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israhel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

The peace of the reign of the Moseea.

13. The envy also of Ephrhaim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephrhaim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephrhaim.

14. But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east together: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them.

15. And IEUE shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river, and shall smite it in the seven streams, and make men go over dryshod.

16. And there shall be an highway for the remnant of His people, which shall be left, from Assyria; like as it was to Israhel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.



Words from a worshipper.

The worshipper speaks to IEUE.

Praise to IEUE after His anger has passed.

Chapter 12.

1. And in that day thou shall say, O IEUE, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me.

A declaration of thanks and confidence in IEUE.

2. Behold, Aleim is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for IEUE is my strength and my song; He also is become my salvation.

The result of the salvation of IEUE.

3. Therefore with joy shall you draw water out of the wells of salvation.

The worshipper declares the greatness of Aleim to everyone.

Exalting Aleim among the peoples.

4. And in that day shall you say, Praise IEUE, call upon His name, declare His doings among the people, make mention that His name is exalted.

Singing praise to IEUE.

5. Sing unto IEUE; for He hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.

6. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Isrhael in the midst of thee.

The burden against Babylon.

Judgment upon Babylon.

The burden against Babylon.

Chapter 13.

1. The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see.

An army comes against Babylon.

2. Lift you up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.

3. I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, even them that rejoice in my highness.

4. The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: IEUE of hosts mustereth the host of the battle.

5. They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even IEUE, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

6. Howl you; for the day of IEUE is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

7. Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:

8. And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames

The terrors of judgment upon upon Babylon.

9. Behold, the day of IEUE cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

10. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

11. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

12. I will make a man more precious than fine gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

13. Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of IEUE of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

14. And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee everyone into his own land.

15. Everyone that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined unto them shall fall by the sword.

16. Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished.

Desolate Babylon.

Babylon is laid waste.

17. Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver; and as for gold, they shall not delight in it.

18. Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children.

19. And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when Aleim overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.

20. It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.

21. But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.

22. And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses, and dragons in their pleasant palaces: and her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

Babylon and Lucifer.

The Fall of the king of Babylon.

Judgment on Babylon means mercy on Israhel.

Chapter 14.

1. For IEUE will have mercy on Iakob, and will yet choose Israhel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Iakob.

2. And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israhel shall possess them in the land of IEUE for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.

The joy of the earth at the fall of the king of Babylon.

3. And it shall come to pass in the day that IEUE shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve,

4. That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!

5. IEUE hath broken the staff of the wicked, and the sceptre of the rulers.

6. He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, and none hindereth.

7. The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing.

8. Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us.

Hell receives the fallen king of Babylon.

9. Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.

10. All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us?

11. Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.

The Fall of Lucifer.

12. How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13. For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of Aleim: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

14. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

15. Yet thou shall be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

The nations are amazed at the fall of the king of Babylon.

16. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

17. That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

The amazing and bloody destruction of Babylon.

18. All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.

19. But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet.

20. Thou shall not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.

21. Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.

22. For I will rise up against them, saith IEUE of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith IEUE.

23. I will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith IEUE of hosts.

Judgment to come on Assyria and the Philistines.

The coming judgment on Assyria.

24. IEUE of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:

25. That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.

26. This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.

27. For IEUE of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

The coming judgment on the Philistines.

28. In the year that king Ahaz died was this burden.

29. Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina, because the rod of him that smote thee is broken: for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent.

30. And the firstborn of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety: and I will kill thy root with famine, and he shall slay thy remnant.

31. Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou, whole Palestina, art dissolved: for there shall come from the north a smoke, and none shall be alone in his appointed times.

A word for the Messenger of the nation.

32. What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation? That IEUE hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it.

The burden against Moab.

A night invasion against Moab.

The Cities and soldiers of Moab fall under a night attack.

Chapter 15.

1. The burden of Moab. Because in the night Ar of Moab is laid waste, and brought to silence; because in the night Kir of Moab is laid waste, and brought to silence;

2. He is gone up to Bajith, and to Dibon, the high places, to weep: Moab shall howl over Nebo, and over Medeba: on all their heads shall be baldness, and every beard cut off.

3. In their streets they shall gird themselves with sackcloth: on the tops of their houses, and in their streets, every one shall howl, weeping abundantly.

4. And Heshbon shall cry, and Elealeh: their voice shall be heard even unto Jahaz: therefore the armed soldiers of Moab shall cry out; his life shall be grievous unto him.

Refugees flee Moab.

The flight of the refugees from Moab.

5. My heart shall cry out for Moab; his fugitives shall flee unto Zoar, an heifer of three years old: for by the mounting up of Luhith with weeping shall they go it up; for in the way of Horonaim they shall raise up a cry of destruction.

6. For the waters of Nimrim shall be desolate: for the hay is withered away, the grass faileth, there is no green thing.

7. Therefore the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have laid up, shall they carry away to the brook of the willows.

8. For the cry is gone round about the borders of Moab; the howling thereof unto Eglaim, and the howling thereof unto Beerelim.

9. For the waters of Dimon shall be full of blood: for I will bring more upon Dimon, lions upon him that escapeth of Moab, and upon the remnant of the land.

## The burden against Moab (Continued)

Counsel to Moab.

Send the lamb.

Chapter 16.

1. Send you the lamb to the ruler of the land from Sela to the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion.

2. For it shall be, that, as a wandering bird cast out of the nest, so the daughters of Moab shall be at the fords of Arnon.

Isaia' word to Judah as she observes Moab under judgment.

3. Take counsel, execute judgment; make thy shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; bewray not him that wandereth.

A plea for refuge among Moab in the day of the righteous king.

4. Let mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler: for the extortioner is at an end, the spoiler ceaseth, the oppressors are consumed out of the land.

5. And in mercy shall the throne be established: and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness.

The pain of the prophet.

The pain in Moab at the judgment of Aleim.

6. We have heard of the pride of Moab; he is very proud: even of his haughtiness, and his pride, and his wrath: but his lies shall not be so.

7. Therefore shall Moab howl for Moab, every one shall howl: for the foundations of Kirhareth shall ye mourn; surely they are stricken.

8. For the fields of Heshbon languish, and the vine of Sibmah: the lords of the heathen have broken down the principal plants thereof, they are come even unto Jazer, they wandered through the wilderness: her branches are stretched out, they are gone over the sea.

Isaia' sorrow of heart for Moab.

9. Therefore I will bewail with the weeping of Jazer the vine of Sibmah: I will water thee with my tears, O Heshbon, and Elealeh: for the shouting for thy summer fruits and for thy harvest is fallen.



10. And gladness is taken away, and joy out of the plentiful field; and in the vineyards there shall be no singing, neither shall there be shouting: the treaders shall tread out no wine in their presses; I have made their vintage shouting to cease.

11. Wherefore my bowels shall sound like an harp for Moab, and mine inward parts for Kirharesh.

12. And it shall come to pass, when it is seen that Moab is weary on the high place, that he shall come to his sanctuary to pray; but he shall not prevail.

Three years until judgment comes on Moab.

13. This is the word that IEUE hath spoken concerning Moab since that time.

14. But now IEUE hath spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of an hireling, and the glory of Moab shall be contemned, with all that great multitude; and the remnant shall be very small and feeble.

The burden against Syria and Isrhael.

A prophecy of doom upon Syria and Isrhael.

IEUE speaks to Damascus and Ephrhaim.

Chapter 17.

1. The burden of Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.

2. The cities of Aroer are forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

3. The fortress also shall cease from Ephrhaim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria: they shall be as the glory of the children of Isrhael, saith IEUE of hosts.

4. And in that day it shall come to pass, that the glory of Iakob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean.

5. And it shall be as when the harvestman gathereth the corn, and reapeth the ears with his arm; and it shall be as he that gathereth ears in the valley of Rephaim.

6. Yet gleaning grapes shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive tree, two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outmost fruitful branches thereof, saith IEUE Aleim of Isrhael.

The humble response to the judgment of IEUE.

7. At that day shall a man look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Isrhael.

8. And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall respect that which his fingers have made, either the groves, or the images.

9. In that day shall his strong cities be as a forsaken bough, and an uppermost branch, which they left because of the children of Isrhael: and there shall be desolation.

Aleim's judgment will bring man's work to nothing.

10. Because thou hast forgotten the Aleim of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the rock of thy strength, therefore shall thou plant pleasant plants, and shall set it with strange slips:

11. In the day shall thou make thy plant to grow, and in the morning shalt thou make thy seed to flourish: but the harvest shall be a heap in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow.

Aleim will destroy the nation that brings the doom upon Syria and Isrhael.

The rush of the nations against Syria and Isrhael.

12. Woe to the multitude of many people, which make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations, that make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters!

Aleim's judgment against the nations that rush against Isrhael.

13. The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but Aleim shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.

14. And behold at eveningtide trouble; and before the morning he is not. This is the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.

Concerning Ethiopia.

No need to make an alliance with Ethiopia.

A word directed to Ethiopia.

Chapter 18.

1. Woe to the land shadowing with wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia:
2. That sendeth ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of bulrushes upon the waters, saying, Go, you swift messengers, to a nation scattered and peeled, to a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden down, whose land the rivers have spoiled!

IEUE rejects the offer of help from the Ethiopians.

3. All you inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see you, when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains; and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear you.
4. For so IEUE said unto me, I will take my rest, and I will consider in my dwelling place like a clear heat upon herbs, and like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.
5. For afore the harvest, when the bud is perfect, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, he shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and take away and cut down the branches.
6. They shall be left together unto the fowls of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth: and the fowls shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them.

Ethiopians come and worship Aleim.

A present will be brought to IEUE of hosts: Isaia announces a day when Ethiopians will come and worship IEUE and bring gifts to Him to the place of the name of IEUE of hosts, to Mount Zion.

7. In that time shall the present be brought unto IEUE of hosts of a people scattered and peeled, and from a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden under foot, whose land the rivers have spoiled, to the place of the name of IEUE of hosts, the mount Zion.

The burden against Egypt.

Aleim strikes Egypt.

IEUE strikes Egypt by giving them over to Civil War and submission to a cruel master.

Chapter 19.

1. The burden of Egypt. Behold, IEUE rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it.

2. And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, and kingdom against kingdom.

3. And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards.

4. And the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Master, IEUE of hosts.

IEUE strikes Egypt by drying up the Nile, thus wrecking their economy.

5. And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and dried up.

6. And they shall turn the rivers far away; and the brooks of defence shall be emptied and dried up: the reeds and flags shall wither.

7. The paper reeds by the brooks, by the mouth of the brooks, and every thing sown by the brooks, shall wither, be driven away, and be no more.

8. The fishers also shall mourn, and all they that cast angle into the brooks shall lament, and they that spread nets upon the waters shall languish.

9. Moreover they that work in fine flax, and they that weave networks, shall be confounded.

10. And they shall be broken in the purposes thereof, all that make sluices and ponds for fish.

IEUE strikes Egypt by sending them with foolish counsel.

11. Surely the princes of Zoan are fools, the counsel of the wise counsellors of Pharaoh is become brutish: how say you unto Pharaoh, I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings?

12. Where are they? where are thy wise men? and let them tell thee now, and let them know what IEUE of hosts hath purposed upon Egypt.

13. The princes of Zoan are become fools, the princes of Noph are deceived; they have also seduced Egypt, even they that are the stay of the tribes thereof.

14. IEUE hath mingled a perverse spirit in the midst thereof: and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken man staggereth in his vomit.

15. Neither shall there be any work for Egypt, which the head or tail, branch or rush, may do.

When Aleim strikes Egypt, there will be terror among the people.

16. In that day shall Egypt be like unto women: and it shall be afraid and fear because of the shaking of the hand of IEUE of hosts, which he shaketh over it.

17. And the land of Judah shall be a terror unto Egypt, every one that maketh mention thereof shall be afraid in himself, because of the counsel of IEUE of hosts, which he hath determined against it.

Aleim saves Egypt.

Egypt turns to IEUE.

18. In that day shall five cities in the land of Egypt speak the language of Kanaan, and swear to IEUE of hosts; one shall be called, The city of destruction.

19. In that day shall there be an altar to IEUE in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to IEUE.

20. And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto IEUE of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto IEUE because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them.

21. And IEUE shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know IEUE in that day, and shall do sacrifice and oblation; yea, they shall vow a vow unto IEUE, and perform it.

22. And IEUE shall smite Egypt: he shall smite and heal it: and they shall return even to IEUE, and He shall be intreated of them, and shall heal them.

An amazing peace between three formerly hostile enemies.

23. In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians.

24. In that day shall Isrhael be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land:

25. Whom IEUE of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Isrhael mine inheritance.

Don't trust out a sign.

Isaia acts out a sign.

The political setting for the sign.

Chapter 20.

1. In the year that Tartan came unto Ashdod, (when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him,) and fought against Ashdod, and took it;

IEUE gives Isaia a sign to act out.

The meaning of the sign.

The sign announces the judgment and humiliation of Egypt.

2. At the same time spake IEUE by Isaia the son of Amoz, saying, Go and loose the sackcloth from off thy loins, and put off thy shoe from thy foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.

3. And IEUE said, Like as my servant Isaia hath walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia;

4 bSo shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians prisoners, and the Ethiopians captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, even with their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.

The sign' message to Judah.

5. And they shall be afraid and ashamed of Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt their glory.

6. And the inhabitant of this isle shall say in that day, Behold, such is our expectation, whither we flee for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria: and how shall we escape?

Burdens against Babylon, Edom and Arabia.

The burden against Babylon.

An army from Persia marches on Babylon.

Chapter 21.

1. The burden of the desert of the sea. As whirlwinds in the south pass through; so it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land.

2. A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof have I made to cease.

The Fall of Babylon.

3. Therefore are my loins filled with pain: pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman that travaileth: I was bowed down at the hearing of it; I was dismayed at the seeing of it.

4. My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me: the night of my pleasure hath he turned into fear unto me.

5. Prepare the table, watch in the watchtower, eat, drink: arise, you princes, and anoint the shield.

6. For thus hath the Master said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth.

7. And he saw a chariot with a couple of horsemen, a chariot of asses, and a chariot of camels; and he hearkened diligently with much heed:

8. And he cried, A lion: My lord, I stand continually upon the watchtower in the daytime, and I am set in my ward whole nights:

9. And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.

10. O my threshing, and the corn of my floor: that which I have heard of IEUE of hosts, the Aleim of Isrhael, have I declared unto you.

Burdens against Edom and Arabia.

The burden against Edom (Duma).

11. The burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night?

12. The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if you will enquire, enquire you return, come.



The burden against Arabia.

13. The burden upon Arabia. In the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O you travelling companies of Dedanim.

14. The inhabitants of the land of Tema brought water to him that was thirsty, they prevented with their bread him that fled.

15. For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war.

16. For thus hath the Master said unto me, Within a year, according to the years of an hireling, and all the glory of Kedar shall fail:

17. And the residue of the number of archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, shall be diminished: for IEUE Aleim of Isrhael hath spoken it.

Judgment on Jerusalem.

Isaia denounces the city of Jerusalem.

Isaia is grieved over a joyous city.

Chapter 22.

1. The burden of the valley of vision. What aileth thee now, that thou art wholly gone up to the housetops?
2. Thou that art full of stirs, a tumultuous city, a joyous city: thy slain men are not slain with the sword, nor dead in battle.
3. All thy rulers are fled together, they are bound by the archers: all that are found in thee are bound together, which have fled from far.
4. Therefore said I, Look away from me; I will weep bitterly, labour not to comfort me, because of the spoiling of the daughter of my people.

Isaia sees a coming army and IEUE brings no delieverance.

5. For it is a day of trouble, and of treading down, and of perplexity by the Master Aleim of of hosts in the valley of vision, breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains.
6. And Elam bare the quiver with chariots of men and horsemen, and Kir uncovered the shield.
7. And it shall come to pass, that thy choicest valleys shall be full of chariots, and the horsemen shall set themselves in array at the gate.

Jerusalem makes all the wrong preparations for a coming battle

8. And he discovered the covering of Judah, and thou didst look in that day to the armour of the house of the forest.
9. You have seen also the breaches of the city of Daud, that they are many: and you gathered together the waters of the lower pool.
10. And you have numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses have you broken down to fortify the wall.
11. You made also a ditch between the two walls for the water of the old pool: but ye have not looked unto the maker thereof, neither had respect unto him that fashioned it long ago.
12. And in that day did the Master Aleim of hosts call to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth:
13. And behold joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh, and drinking wine: let us eat and drink; for to morrow we shall die.

14. And it was revealed in mine ears by IEUE of hosts, Surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you till yesterday you die, saith the Master Aleim of hosts.

Isaia denounces Sebna, the king' chief steward.

Sebna had a high and honourable office, yet he used it to glorify himself.

15. Thus saith the Master Aleim of hosts, Go, get thee unto this treasurer, even unto Shebna, which is over the house, and say,

16. What hast thou here? and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out a sepulchre here, as he that heweth him out a sepulchre on high, and that graveth an habitation for himself in a rock?

17. Behold, IEUE will carry thee away with a mighty captivity, and will surely cover thee.

18. He will surely violently turn and toss thee like a ball into a large country: there shalt thou die, and there the chariots of thy glory shall be the shame of thy lord's house.

19. And I will drive thee from thy station, and from thy state shall he pull thee down.

IEUE lifts up Eliakim instead of Sebna.

20. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah:

21. And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.

22. And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.

23. And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house.

24. And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons.

The removal of Sebna.

25. In that day, saith IEUE of hosts, shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off: for IEUE hath spoken it.

The burden against Tyre.

The promise of coming judgment against Tyre.

The sailors of Tyre agonize when they hear of the destruction of their home port.

Chapter 23.

1. The burden of Tyre. Howl, you ships of Tarshish; for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in: from the land of Chittim it is revealed to them.
2. Be still, you inhabitants of the isle; thou whom the merchants of Zidon, that pass over the sea, have replenished.
3. And by great waters the seed of Sihor, the harvest of the river, is her revenue; and she is a mart of nations.
4. Be thou ashamed, O Zidon: for the sea hath spoken, even the strength of the sea, saying, I travail not, nor bring forth children, neither do I nourish up young men, nor bring up virgins.
5. As at the report concerning Egypt, so shall they be sorely pained at the report of Tyre.

The proud city of Tyre is humbled.

6. Pass you over to Tarshish; howl, you inhabitants of the isle.
7. Is this your joyous city, whose antiquity is of ancient days? her own feet shall carry her afar off to sojourn.
8. Who hath taken this counsel against Tyre, the crowning city, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are the honourable of the earth?
9. IEUE of hosts hath purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory, and to bring into contempt all the honourable of the earth.

The destruction of the city of Tyre.

10. Pass through thy land as a river, O daughter of Tarshish: there is no more strength.
11. He stretched out his hand over the sea, he shook the kingdoms: IEUE hath given a commandment against the merchant city, to destroy the strong holds thereof.
12. And he said, Thou shalt no more rejoice, O thou oppressed virgin, daughter of Zidon: arise, pass over to Chittim; there also shalt thou have no rest.
13. Behold the land of the Chaldeans; this people was not, till the Assyrian founded it for them that dwell in the wilderness: they set up the towers thereof, they raised up the palaces thereof; and he brought it to ruin.
14. Howl, you ships of Tarshish: for your strength is laid waste.

A promise of restoration to the city of Tyre.

Seventy years of desolation for the city of Tyre.

15. And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as an harlot.

16. Take an harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered.

Aleim's purpose in restoring the city of Tyre.

17. And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that IEUE will visit Tyre, and she shall turn to her hire, and shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth.

18. And her merchandise and her hire shall be holiness to IEUE: it shall not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before IEUE, to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing.

The character of the judgment of IEUE.

The scene of Aleim's judgment.

The scope of the judgment of IEUE.

## Chapter 24

1. Behold, IEUE maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.

2. And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him.

3. The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for IEUE hath spoken this word.

The reason for judgment.

4. The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish.

5. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.

6. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.

The scene of judgment.

7. The new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth, all the merryhearted do sigh.

8. The mirth of tabrets ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth, the joy of the harp ceaseth.

9. They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it.

10. The city of confusion is broken down: every house is shut up, that no man may come in.

11. There is a crying for wine in the streets; all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone.

12. In the city is left desolation, and the gate is smitten with destruction.

13. When thus it shall be in the midst of the land among the people, there shall be as the shaking of an olive tree, and as the gleaning grapes when the vintage is done.

The glory of Aleim and the woe of man

14. They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of IEUE, they shall cry aloud from the sea.

15. Wherefore glorify ye IEUE in the fires, even the name of IEUE Aleim of Isrhael in the isles of the sea.

16. From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, even glory to the righteous. But I said, My leanness, my leanness, woe unto me! the treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously; yea, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously.

The character of Aleim's judgment.

The judgment of IEUE will always be completed.

17. Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth.

18. And it shall come to pass, that he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake.

The intensity of the judgment of IEUE touches everything.

19. The earth is utterly broken down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly.

20. The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be removed like a cottage; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall fall, and not rise again.

The judgment of IEUE will touch everyone.

21. And it shall come to pass in that day, that IEUE shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.

22. And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.

23. Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed, when IEUE of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.

The song of joy from the midst of tribulations.

Praising Aleim for what He has done.

Introduction: For you have done wonderful things.

Chapter 25.

1. O IEUE, thou art my Aleim; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

Praising Aleim for His righteous judgment.

2. For thou hast made of a city an heap; of a defenced city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built.

3. Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee.

Praising Aleim for His goodness to the weak.

4. For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.

5. Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; even the heat with the shadow of a cloud: the branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low.

Praising Aleim for what He will do.

A glorious feast for Aleim's people.

6. And in this mountain shall IEUE of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.

The destruction of evil.

7. And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations.

8. He will swallow up death in victory; and the Master Aleim will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for IEUE hath spoken it.

The testimony of Aleim's people.

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



IEUE resolves all things.

10. For in this mountain shall the hand of IEUE rest, and Moab shall be trodden down under him, even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill.

11. And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst of them, as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth his hands to swim: and he shall bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hands.

12. And the fortress of the high fort of thy walls shall he bring down, lay low, and bring to the ground, even to the dust.

Judah' Kingdom of Aleim song.

The city of Aleim and the city of man.

The strength of Aleim's city.

Chapter 26.

1. In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will Aleim appoint for walls and bulwarks.

2. Open you the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.

IEUE is our source of strength.

3. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

4. Trust you in IEUE for ever: for in IEUE is everlasting strength:

The destiny of the city of man.

5. For he bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, he layeth it low; he layeth it low, even to the ground; he bringeth it even to the dust.

6. The foot shall tread it down, even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy.

The way of the upright.

7. The way of the just is uprightness: thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just.

8. Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O IEUE, have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee.

9. With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

The way of the wicked.

10. Let favour be shewed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of IEUE.

11. IEUE, when thy hand is lifted up, they will not see: but they shall see, and be ashamed for their envy at the people; yea, the fire of thine enemies shall devour them.

Promises made to a humble heart.

The prayer of a humble heart.

12. IEUE, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.

13. O IEUE our Aleim, other lords beside thee have had dominion over us: but by thee only will we make mention of thy name.

14. They are dead, they shall not live; they are deceased, they shall not rise: therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish.

15. Thou hast increased the nation, O IEUE, thou hast increased the nation: thou art glorified: thou hadst removed it far unto all the ends of the earth.

16. IEUE, in trouble have they visited thee, they poured out a prayer when thy chastening was upon them.

17. Like as a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain, and crieth out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, O IEUE.

18. We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

The promise of resurrection.

19. Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

The promise of refuge in the time of great indignation.

20. Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

21. For, behold, the IEUE cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

Ordering the kingdom of IEUE.

In His kingdom, Aleim blesses Isrhael.

In the kingdom of the Ruler, Leviathan is defeated.

Chapter 27.

1. In that day IEUE with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent; and he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.

In the kingdom of IEUE, Isrhael blossoms.

2. In that day sing you unto her, A vineyard of red wine.

3. I IEUE do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day.

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

5. Or let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me; and he shall make peace with me.

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

In the kingdom of IEUE, Isrhael receives mercy.

7. Hath he smitten him, as he smote those that smote him? or is he slain according to the slaughter of them that are slain by him?

8. In measure, when it shooteth forth, thou wilt debate with it: he stayeth his rough wind in the day of the east wind.

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

In His kingdom Aleim makes the nations submit to Him.

In the kingdom of IEUE, the city of man lies desolate.

10. Yet the defenced city shall be desolate, and the habitation forsaken, and left like a wilderness: there shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down, and consume the branches thereof.

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

In the kingdom of IEUE, He is worshipping in Jerusalem.

12. And it shall come to pass in that day, that IEUE shall beat off from the channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and you shall be gathered one by one, O you children of Isrhael.

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

A word to drunkards.

The sinful state of the drunkards of Ephrhaim.

A flood of judgment upon the drunkards of Ephrhaim.

Chapter 28.

1. Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephrhaim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower, which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine!
2. Behold, the Master hath a mighty and strong one, which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm, as a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand.
3. The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephrhaim, shall be trodden under feet:
4. And the glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, and as the hasty fruit before the summer; which when he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up.

The beauty of IEUE replaces the faded beauty of Ephrhaim.

5. In that day shall IEUE of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people,
6. And for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate.

The corruption of drunkenness in Judah.

7. But they also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way; the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment.
8. For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean.

Aleim's message to those who are ripe for judgment.

The simple message is mocked.

9. Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.
10. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:

Isaia warns of the consequences of rejecting the simple message of IEUE.

11. For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

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

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

The false confidence of sinful leaders.

14. Wherefore hear the word of IEUE, you scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem.

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

The security of the Moseea and the precarious place of sinners.

16. Therefore thus saith the Master Aleim, 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.

17. Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

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

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

Advice to those ripe for judgment.

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

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

22. Now therefore be you not mockers, lest your bands be made strong: for I have heard from the Master Aleim of hosts a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth.

The timing of the farmer and the timing of Aleim.

23. Give you ear, and hear My voice; hearken, and hear My speech.

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

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

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

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

28. Bread corn is bruised; because he will not ever be threshing it, nor break it with the wheel of his cart, nor bruise it with his horsemen.

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



The cause and cure of spiritual blindness.

The coming distress upon Jerusalem.

IEUE humbles a proud Jerusalem.

Chapter 29.

1. Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices.
2. Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow: and it shall be unto me as Ariel.
3. And I will camp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with a mount, and I will raise forts against thee.
4. And thou shall be brought down, and shall 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.

IEUE protects and delivers a humbled Jerusalem.

5. Moreover the multitude of thy strangers shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones shall be as chaff that passeth away: yea, it shall be at an instant suddenly.
6. Thou shall be visited of IEUE of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.
7. And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all that fight against her and her munition, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision.
8. 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.

The spiritual blindness of Jerusalem.

The spiritual stupor of Jerusalem.

9. Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink.
10. For IEUE 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.

The spiritual illiteracy of Jerusalem.

11. 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:

12. And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.

Why IEUE sends spiritual blindness upon Jerusalem.

13. Wherefore the Master 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:

14. 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.

15. Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from IEUE, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?

16. 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?

A promise of restoration.

Sight for the spiritually blind justice for the wicked.

17. 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?

18. 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.

19. The meek also shall increase their joy in IEUE, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israhel.

20. For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off:

21. 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.

The restoration of Aleim's people.

22. Therefore thus saith IEUE, who redeemed Abrhaam, concerning the house of Iakob, Iakob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale.

23. 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 Iakob, and shall fear the Aleim of Isrhael.

24. They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.

Trust in IEUE, not in Egypt.

A rebuke to those in Judah who looked to Egypt for deliverance.

Aleim Exposed the sin of those who put their trust in Egypt.

Chapter 30.

1. Woe to the rebellious children, saith IEUE, 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:

2. 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!

The folly of trusting in Egypt.

3. Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion.

4. For his princes were at Zoan, and his ambassadors came to Hanes.

5. 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.

The burden against Judah for their trust in Egypt.

Their trust in Egypt will gain them nothing.

6. 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.

7. For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I cried concerning this, Their strength is to sit still.

IEUE documents Judah's rejection of His message.

8. 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:

9. That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of IEUE:

10. Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits:

11. Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.

The judgment to come upon Judah for their trust in Egypt and for their rejection of His message.

12. Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israhel, Because you despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon:

13. 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.

14. 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.

Judah brought low because of their self-reliance and rejection of Aleim's message.

15. For thus saith the Master Aleim, the Holy One of Israhel; In returning and rest shall you be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and you would not.

16. But you said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall you flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift.

17. One thousand shall flee at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five shall you flee: till you be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on an hill.

The blessing of restoration for Judah.

A call to trust in Aleim's timing.

18. And therefore will IEUE wait, that he may be able to gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for IEUE is a Aleim of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.

Aleim's promises to bless His people by responding to their cry.

19. 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.

Aleim promises to bless His people with guidance.

20. And though the Master 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:

21. And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when you turn to the right hand, and when you turn to the left.

Aleim promises to bless His people with the desire for purity.

22. You shall defile also the covering of thy graven images of silver, and the ornament of thy molten images of gold: thou shall cast them away as a menstruous cloth; thou shalt say unto it, Get thee hence.

Aleim promises to bless nature with abundance.

23. 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.

24. 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.

25. 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.

26. 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 IEUE bindeth up the breach of His people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.

Aleim promises His people will have gladness in the day of Judgment.

27. Behold, the name of IEUE 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:

28. 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.

29. You 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 IEUE, to the mighty One of Israhel.

The glory of the judgment of IEUE.

30. And IEUE 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.

31. For through the voice of IEUE shall the Assyrian be beaten down, which smote with a rod.

32. And in every place where the grounded staff shall pass, which IEUE shall lay upon him, it shall be with tabrets and harps: and in battles of shaking will he fight with it.

33. 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 IEUE, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.

IEUE will give victory, not Egypt.

The folly of trusting in Egypt.

Woe to those who look to Egypt, not IEUE.

Chapter 31.

1. 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 IEUE!

IEUE is mightier than the Egyptians.

2. 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.

3. Now the Egyptians are men, and not Aleim; and their horses flesh, and not spirit. When IEUE 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.

IEUE will defend Judah and Jerusalem.

IEUE defends Mount Zion.

4. For thus hath IEUE 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 IEUE of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof.

5. As birds flying, so will IEUE of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it.

An invitation to repent to the Aleim who will deliver.

6. Turn you unto him from whom the children of Isrhael have deeply revolted.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. And he shall pass over to his strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign, saith IEUE, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

A king's reign of righteousness.

Blessings from the coming king.

In the aftermath of Jerusalem's deliverance, a king comes.

Chapter 32.

1. Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.

The blessings of restoration from the king.

2. 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.

3. And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken.

4. The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.

The blessings of righteousness and integrity from the king.

5. The vile person shall be no more called liberal, nor the churl said to be bountiful.

6. For the vile person will speak villany, and his heart will work iniquity, to practise hypocrisy, and to utter error against IEUE, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.

7. 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.

8. But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and by liberal things shall he stand.

A call to prepare for the coming of the Spirit.

The women at ease are called to repent.

9. Rise up, ye women that are at ease; hear my voice, ye careless daughters; give ear unto my speech.

10. Many days and years shall you be troubled, you careless women: for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come.

11. Tremble, you women that are at ease; be troubled, you careless ones: strip you, and make you bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins.



The whole land mourns.

12. They shall lament for the teats, for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.

13. Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns and briers; yea, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city:

14. Because the palaces shall be forsaken; the multitude of the city shall be left; the forts and towers shall be for dens forever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks;

The Spirit is poured out upon a humbled people.

15. 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.

Blessings brought by the Spirit.

16. Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

17. And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever.

18. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;

19. When it shall hail, coming down on the forest; and the city shall be low in a low place.

20. Blessed are you that sow beside all waters, that send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass.

IEUE comes in judgment and graciousness.

Woe to plundering Assyria.

Chapter 33.

1. Woe to thee that spoilest, and thou wast not spoiled; and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! when thou shall cease to spoil, thou shall be spoiled; and when thou shall make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee.

The prayer of Aleim's people.

2. O IEUE, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

3. At the noise of the tumult the people fled; at the lifting up of thyself the nations were scattered.

4. 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.

The praise of Aleim's people.

5. IEUE is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.

6. And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of IEUE is his treasure.

IEUE's judgment brings the earth low.

7. Behold, their valiant ones shall cry without: the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly.

8. The highways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceaseth: he hath broken the covenant, he hath despised the cities, he regardeth no man.

9. The earth mourneth and languisheth: Lebanon is ashamed and hewn down: Sharon is like a wilderness; and Bashan and Carmel shake off their fruits.

The fire of IEUE.

IEUE announces His fire of judgment.

10. Now will I rise, saith IEUE; now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself.

11. You shall conceive chaff, you shall bring forth stubble: your breath, as fire, shall devour you.

12. And the people shall be as the burnings of lime: as thorns cut up shall they be burned in the fire.

13. Hear, you that are far off, what I have done; and, you that are near, acknowledge my might.

To lime stresses the intensity of the blaze.

Fearful sinners and blessed saints.

14. 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?

15. 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;

16. 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.

17. Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off.

18. Thine heart shall meditate terror. Where is the scribe? where is the receiver? where is he that counted the towers?

19. Thou shall not see a fierce people, a people of a deeper speech than thou canst perceive; of a stammering tongue, that thou canst not understand.

Zion is delivered and blessed.

20. 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.

21. But there the glorious IEUE will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby.

22. For IEUE is our judge, IEUE is our lawgiver, IEUE is our king; he will save us.

23. 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.

24. And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity.

The indigenous of the Ruler against all nations.

The indigenous of IEUE against the peoples of the nations.

The fury and the completeness of the judgment of IEUE.

Chapter 34.

1. Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, you people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.

2. For the indignation of IEUE is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.

3. 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.

4. 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.

The great bloodshed at the judgment of IEUE.

5. For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment.

6. The sword of IEUE 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 IEUE hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.

7. 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.

The indigenous of IEUE against the land of the nations.

The land is made desolate.

8. For it is the day of IEUE'S vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.

9. And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch.

10. It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up forever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it forever and ever.

The land is inhabited only by animals of the wilderness.

11. 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.

12. They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom, but none shall be there, and all her princes shall be nothing.

13. 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.

14. 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.

15. 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.

The surety of the judgments of IEUE.

16. Seek you out of the book of IEUE, 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.

17. 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.

The highway of Holiness.

The restoration of the land and of the people.

The land is restored.

Chapter 35.

1. The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

2. 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 IEUE, and the excellency of our Aleim.

Weak people are strengthened.

3. Strengthen you the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.

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

The sick and the diseased are healed.

5. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Abundance replaces lack.

6. 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.

7. 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.

The Highway of Holiness.

The Highway of Holiness is made for Aleim's people.

8. 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.

The safety of the Highway of Holiness.

9. 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:

The travelers on the Highway of Holiness.

10. And the ransomed of IEUE 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.

A demoralizing attack on faith.

Rhabsake speaks to leaders in king Ezekia' government.

Officials from king Ezekia' government.

Chapter 36.

1. Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Ezekia, that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the defenced cities of Judah, and took them.

2. 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.

3. Then came forth unto him Eliakim, Hilkiah's son, which was over the house, and Sebna the scribe, and Ioah, Asaph's son, the recorder.

Rhabsake speaks against Judah' trust in an alliance with Egypt.

4. And Rhabsake said unto them, Say you now to Ezekia, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest?

5. 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?

6. 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.

Rhabsake speaks against Judah' trust in Aleim.

7. But if thou say to me, We trust in IEUE our Aleim: is it not He, whose high places and whose altars Ezekia hath taken away, and said to Judah and to Jerusalem, You shall worship before this altar?

Rhabsake speaks against the army of Judah.

8. 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.

9. 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?

Rhabsake tells them that IEUE Aleim of Isrhael is on his side.

10. And am I now come up without IEUE against this land to destroy it? IEUE said unto me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.



Rhapsake speaks directly to the people of Jerusalem.

Ezekia' men ask Rhapsake to speak only to them.

11. Then said Eliakim and Sebna and Ioah unto Rhapsake, 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.

12. But Rhapsake 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?

Rhapsake' speech to the people of Jerusalem.

13. Then Rhapsake stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and said, Hear you the words of the great king, the king of Assyria.

14. Thus saith the king, Let not Ezekia deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you.

15. Neither let Ezekia make you trust in IEUE, saying, IEUE will surely deliver us: this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria.

16. Hearken not to Ezekia: for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make an agreement with me by a present, and come out to me: and eat you every one of his vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink you everyone the waters of his own cistern;

17. 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.

18. Beware lest Ezekia persuade you, saying, IEUE will deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria?

19. Where are the gods of Hamath and Arphad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim? and have they delivered Samaria out of my hand?

20. Who are they among all the gods of these lands, that have delivered their land out of my hand, that IEUE should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?

The response to the leaders in Ezekia' government and the citizens of Jerusalem.

21. But they held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not.

22. Then came Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, that was over the household, and Sebna the scribe, and Ioah, the son of Asaph, the recorder, to Ezekia with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Rhapsake.

Assyria destroyed Aleim glorified.

King Ezekia seeks IEUE.

Ezekia' immediate reaction upon hearing the words of Rhabsake.

Chapter 37.

1. And it came to pass, when king Ezekia heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of IEUE.

2. And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Sebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests covered with sackcloth, unto Isaia the prophet the son of Amoz.

3. And they said unto him, Thus saith Ezekia, 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.

4. It may be IEUE thy Aleim will hear the words of Rhabsake, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living Aleim, and will reprove the words which IEUE thy Aleim hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that is left.

5. So the servants of king Ezekia came to Isaia.

Isaia' words of assurance to King Ezekia.

6. And Isaia said unto them, Thus shall you say unto your master, Thus saith IEUE, Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me.

7. 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.

Rhabsake' letter to Ezekia.

8. So Rhabsake returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish.

9. 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 Ezekia, saying,

10. Thus shall you speak to Ezekia king of Judah, saying, Let not thy Aleim, in whom thou trustest, deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.

11. Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them utterly; and shalt thou be delivered?

12. Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed, as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezep, and the children of Eden which were in Telassar?

13. Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arphad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?

Ezekia' prayer.

14. And Ezekia received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Ewoqu

As Ezekia went up unto the house of IEUE, and spread it before IEUE.

15. And Ezekia prayed unto IEUE, saying,

16. O IEUE of hosts, Aleim of Isrhael, that dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the Aleim, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth.

17. Incline thine ear, O IEUE, and hear; open thine eyes, O IEUE, and see: and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent to reproach the living Aleim.

18. Of a truth, IEUE, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations, and their countries,

19. 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.

20. Now therefore, O IEUE our Aleim, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art IEUE, even thou only.

Isaia brings IEUE's answer to king Ezekia' prayer and a word to Rhabsake.

The power of Ezekia' prayer.

21. Then Isaia the son of Amoz sent unto Ezekia, saying, Thus saith IEUE Aleim of Isrhael, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria:

IEUE's word to Rhabsake.

22 This is the word which IEUE 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.

23. 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 Isrhael.

24. By thy servants hast thou reproached the Master, 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.

25. I have digged, and drunk water; and with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of the besieged places.

26. 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.

27. 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.

28. But I know thy abode, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy rage against me.

29. 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.

30. And this shall be a sign unto thee, You 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 you, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof.

31. And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward:

32. For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of IEUE of hosts shall do this.

33. Therefore thus saith IEUE 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.

34. By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and shall not come into this city, saith IEUE.

35. For I will defend this city to save it for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

Aleim strikes down the mighty army of Assyria.

36. Then the angel of IEUE 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.

The end of Sennacherib, king of Assyria.

37. So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

38. 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.

King Ezekia' life is spared.

The mercy of Aleim to Ezekia.

Isaia' announcement to Ezekia.

Chapter 38.

1. In those days was Ezekia sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith IEUE, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt die, and not live.

Ezekia' prayer.

2. Then Ezekia turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto IEUE,

3. And said, Remember now, O IEUE, 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 Ezekia wept sore.

Isaia brings Aleim's answer to Ezekia' prayer.

4. Then came the word of IEUE to Isaia, saying,

5. Go, and say to Ezekia, Thus saith IEUE, the Aleim of Daud thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years.

The promise of deliverance from the Assyria threat.

6. And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria: and I will defend this city.

A sign to confirm the promise.

7. And this shall be a sign unto thee from IEUE, that IEUE will do this thing that he hath spoken;

8. 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.

9. The writing of Ezekia king of Judah, when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness:

10. 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.

11. I said, I shall not see IEUE, even IEUE, in the land of the living: I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. Like a crane or a swallow, so did I chatter: I did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail with looking upward: O IEUE, I am oppressed; undertake for me.

15. 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.

16. O Master, 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.

17. 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.

18. For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.

19. The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth.

20. IEUE 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 IEUE.

21. For Isaia had said, Let them take a lump of figs, and lay it for a plaister upon the boil, and he shall recover.

22. Ezekia also had said, What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of IEUE?

Showing off IEUE's treasure.

King Ezekia shows off the house to envoys from Babylon.

A letter from the king of Babylon.

Chapter 39.

1. At that time Merodachbaladan, the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Ezekia: for he had heard that he had been sick, and was recovered.

Ezekia entertains the envoys from the king of Babylon.

2. And Ezekia 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.

Isaia questions Ezekia regarding the visit of the Babylon envoys.

3. Then came Isaia the prophet unto king Ezekia, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Ezekia said, They are come from a far country unto me, even from Babylon.

4. Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Ezekia answered, All that is in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.

The word of IEUE to Ezekia through Isaia.

5. Then said Isaia to Ezekia, Hear the word of IEUE of hosts:

6. 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 IEUE.

7. 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.

King Ezekia's response.

8. Then said Ezekia to Isaiah, Good is the word of IEUE which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

Comfort and strength for Aleim's people.

The word of IEUE prepares the way of IEUE.

Comfort for the afflicted people of Aleim.

Chapter 40.

1. Comfort you, comfort you My people, saith your Aleim.

2. Speak you comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of IEUE'S hand double for all her sins.

A voice in the wilderness prepares the way of IEUE.

3. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare you the way of IEUE, make straight in the desert a highway for our Aleim.

4. 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:

5. And the glory of IEUE shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of IEUE hath spoken it.

The message of the voice in the wilderness.

6. The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field:

7. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of IEUE bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass.

8. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our Aleim shall stand forever.

Behold your Aleim!

An invitation to behold your Aleim.

9. 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 Aleim!

Behold the returning IEUE.

10. Behold, the Master Aleim will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.



Behold the loving Shepherd.

11. 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.

12. 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?

Behold the Aleim of all wisdom.

13. Who hath directed the Spirit of IEUE, or being his counsellor hath taught him?

14. 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?

Aleim's greatness is measured in comparison to others.

Aleim's greatness surpasses all nations.

15. 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.

16. And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering.

17. All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.

Aleim's greatness surpasses all idols.

18. To whom then will you liken Aleim? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

19. The workman melteth a graven image, and the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold, and casteth silver chains.

20. 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.

Aleim's greatness is evident, as He is the Creator of all.

21. Have you not known? have you not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

22. 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:

23. That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity.

24. 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.

25. To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.

26. 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.

Applying the knowledge of Aleim's greatness.

Having confidence in Aleim's power and wisdom.

27. Why sayest thou, O Iakob, and speakest, O Isrhael, My way is hid from IEUE, and my judgment is passed over from my Aleim?

28. Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting Aleim, IEUE, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding.

Receiving the strength of IEUE.

29. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength.

30. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

31. But they that wait upon IEUE 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.

Fear not

The glory of Aleim over the coastlands

A command and an invitation to the coastlands.

Chapter 41.

1. 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.

Aleim reasons with the coastlands.

2. 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.

3. He pursued them, and passed safely; even by the way that he had not gone with his feet.

4. Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I IEUE, the first, and with the last; I am he.

The reaction of the coastlands.

5. The isles saw it, and feared; the ends of the earth were afraid, drew near, and came.

6. They helped everyone his neighbour; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage.

7. So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smootheth with the hammer him that smote the anvil, saying, It is ready for the sodering: and he fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved.

Aleim encourages Isrhael.

Isrhael is different from those in the distant lands.

8. But thou, Isrhael, art my servant, Iakob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abrhaam my friend.

9. 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.

Fear not, for Aleim's help is present.

10. Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy Aleim: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

11. 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.

12. Thou shall seek them, and shall not find them, even them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought.

13. For I IEUE thy Aleim will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.

Fear not, with Aleim's help, no obstacle is too great.

14. Fear not, thou worm Iakob, and you men of Isrhael; I will help thee, saith IEUE, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Isrhael.

15. 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.

16. Thou shall fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in IEUE, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Isrhael.

Fear not, Aleim has abundant resources.

17. When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I IEUE will hear them, I the Aleim of Isrhael will not forsake them.

18. 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.

19. 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:

20. That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of IEUE hath done this, and the Holy One of Isrhael hath created it.

Idolatry on trial.

Aleim calls idols and their worshippers to trial.

21. Produce your cause, saith IEUE; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Iakob.

Aleim examines the defendants - idols and their worshippers - at the trial.

22. 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.

23. 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.

24. Behold, you are of nothing, and your work of nought: an abomination is he that chooseth you.

IEUE's summation: idols are worthless and man is so limited.

25. 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.

26. 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.

27. The first shall say to Zion, Behold, behold them: and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings.

28. 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.

29. Behold, they are all vanity; their works are nothing: their molten images are wind and confusion.

The servant' Song.

The IEUE speaks of His Servant.

The character of the Servant.

Chapter 42.

1. Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the non Jews.

2. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.

3. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.

4. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

IEUE of glory and His promise to His Servant.

5. Thus saith Aleim IEUE, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:

6. I IEUE have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the non Jews;

7. To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.

8. I am IEUE: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

9. Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.

The work of IEUE's Servant.

Praise for the victory of the Servant.

Praise for the victory

10. Sing unto IEUE a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, you that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.

11. Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains.

12. Let them give glory unto IEUE, and declare his praise in the islands.

IEUE brings judgment against all who serve false gods.

13. IEUE shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies.

14. I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once.

15. I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools.

16. And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.

17. They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, You are our gods.

The deaf and blind come to the Servant.

18. Hear, you deaf; and look, ye blind, that you may see.

19. Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as IEUE'S servant?

20. Seeing many things, but thou observest not; opening the ears, but he heareth not.

IEUE defends His defrauded people.

21. IEUE is well pleased for his righteousness' sake; he will magnify the law, and make it honourable.

22. But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore.

23. Who among you will give ear to this? who will hearken and hear for the time to come?

24. Who gave Iakob for a spoil, and Isrhael to the robbers? did not IEUE, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law.

25. Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.

Fear not.

Reasons not to fear.

Fear not, knowing you belong to IEUE.

Chapter 43.

1. But now thus saith IEUE that created thee, O Iakob, and he that formed thee, O Isrhael, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

Fear not, knowing you IEUE is with you.

2. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

3. For I am IEUE thy Aleim, the Holy One of Isrhael, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.

4. Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.

5. Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;

6. I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;

7. Even everyone that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

Witnesses to the work of IEUE.

The nations and the people of Isrhael are called to either prove their case or accept Aleim's.

8. Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears.

9. Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth.

IEUE commissions His witnesses.

10. You are my witnesses, saith IEUE, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no Aleim formed, neither shall there be after me.

11. I, even I, am IEUE; and beside me there is no saviour.



12. I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore you are my witnesses, saith IEUE, that I am Aleim.

13. Yea, before the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall let it?

IEUE redeems a hard-hearted people.

A promise to judge Babylon.

14. Thus saith IEUE, your redeemer, the Holy One of Isrhael; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles, and the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the ships.

15. I am IEUE, your Holy One, the creator of Isrhael, your King.

16. Thus saith IEUE, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters;

17. Which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise: they are extinct, they are quenched as tow.

Aleim promises His exiled people a new work.

18. Remember you not the former things, neither consider the things of old.

19. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

20. The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen.

21. This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.

The hard-heartedness of Aleim's people.

22. But thou hast not called upon me, O Iakob; but thou hast been weary of me, O Isrhael.

23. Thou hast not brought me the small cattle of thy burnt offerings; neither hast thou honoured me with thy sacrifices. I have not caused thee to serve with an offering, nor wearied thee with incense.

24. Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices: but thou hast made me to serve with thy sins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities.

IEUE's mercy to a hard-hearted people.

25. I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

26. Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.

27. Thy first father hath sinned, and thy teachers have transgressed against me.

28. Therefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary, and have given Iakob to the curse, and Isrhael to reproaches.

IEUE, your redeemer.

A promise to pour out the Spirit.

Fear not, knowing the promise of the outpoured Spirit.

#### Chapter 44

1. Yet now hear, O Iakob my servant; and Isrhael, whom I have chosen:
2. Thus saith IEUE that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Iakob, my servant; and thou, Iesurhun, whom I have chosen.
3. For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:
4. And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water courses.

The promise of belonging to IEUE.

5. One shall say, I am IEUE'S; and another shall call himself by the name of Iakob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto IEUE, and surname himself by the name of Isrhael.

IEUE alone is Aleim.

IEUE declares to witnesses that He alone is Aleim.

6. Thus saith IEUE the King of Isrhael, and his redeemer IEUE of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no Aleim.
7. And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them.
8. Fear you not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it? you are even my witnesses. Is there a Aleim beside me? yea, there is no Aleim; I know not any.

The folly of idol makers.

9. They that make a graven image are all of them vanity; and their delectable things shall not profit; and they are their own witnesses; they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed.
10. Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image that is profitable for nothing?
11. Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed: and the workmen, they are of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; yet they shall fear, and they shall be ashamed together.

12. The smith with the tongs both worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his arms: yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth: he drinketh no water, and is faint.

13. The carpenter stretcheth out his rule; he marketh it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compass, and maketh it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man; that it may remain in the house.

14. He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he strengtheneth for himself among the trees of the forest: he planteth an ash, and the rain doth nourish it.

15. Then shall it be for a man to burn: for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto.

16. He burneth part thereof in the fire; with part thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied: yea, he warmeth himself, and saith, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire:

17. And the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou art my god.

18. They have not known nor understood: for he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot understand.

19. And none considereth in his heart, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten it: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to the stock of a tree?

20. He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?

Remembering and praising the greatness and the glory of the true Aleim.

21. Remember these, O Iakob and Isrhael; for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Isrhael, thou shall not be forgotten of me.

22. I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.

23. Sing, O you heavens; for IEUE hath done it: shout, you lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, you mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for IEUE hath redeemed Iakob, and glorified himself in Isrhael.

IEUE demonstrates He is the true Aleim by prophesying a future deliverer of Isrhael.

24. Thus saith IEUE, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am IEUE that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;

25. That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish;

26. That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shall be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, You shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof:

27. That saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers:

28. That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shall be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

Look to me and be saved.

Looking to the Aleim who chose Cyrus.

Aleim's calling and mission for Cyrus.

Chapter 45.

1. Thus saith IEUE to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;

2. I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:

3. And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, IEUE, which call thee by thy name, am the Aleim of Isrhael.

The purpose behind Aleim's calling and mission for Cyrus.

4. For Iakob my servant's sake, and Isrhael mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.

5. I am IEUE, and there is none else, there is no Aleim beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:

6. That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am IEUE, and there is none else.

7. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I IEUE do all these things.

Looking to the Aleim who created everything.

Aleim calls to the creation.

8. Drop down, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I IEUE have created it.

The foolishness of resisting our Creator.

9. Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?

10. Woe unto him that saith unto his father, What begettest thou? or to the woman, What hast thou brought forth?

The Aleim of all creation will raise up Cyrus and deliver His people.

11. Thus saith IEUE, the Holy One of Isrhael, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.

12. I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

13. I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith IEUE of hosts.

Looking to IEUE who is above all gods.

When IEUE is revealed as the true Aleim, idolaters submit and Aleim's people are saved.

14. Thus saith IEUE, The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, saying, Surely Aleim is in thee; and there is none else, there is no Aleim.

15. Verily thou art a Aleim that hidest thyself, O Aleim of Isrhael, the Saviour.

16. They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together that are makers of idols.

17. But Isrhael shall be saved in IEUE with an everlasting salvation: you shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.

IEUE declares His greatness and the foolishness of idolatry.

18. For thus saith IEUE that created the heavens; Aleim himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am IEUE; and there is none else.

19. I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Iakob, Seek you me in vain: I IEUE speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

20. Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save.

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

Looking to IEUE and finding salvation in surrender.

22. Look unto me, and be you saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am Aleim, and there is none else.

23. I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return,  
That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.

24. Surely, shall one say, in IEUE have I righteousness and strength: even to him shall men come; and all  
that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.

25. In IEUE shall all the seed of Isrhael be justified, and shall glory.



Dead idols and the living Aleim.

The idols of the nations are carried into captivity.

The false gods are carried away on carriages.

Chapter 46.

1. Bel boweth down, Nebo stoopeth, their idols were upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: your carriages were heavy loaden; they are a burden to the weary beast.

2. They stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but themselves are gone into captivity.

IEUE, the true Aleim will carry His people.

3. Hearken unto me, O house of Iakob, and all the remnant of the house of Isrhael, which are borne by me from the belly, which are carried from the womb:

4. And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.

IEUE can save His people when the idols are helpless.

5. To whom will you liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be like?

6. They lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, and hire a goldsmith; and he maketh it a god: they fall down, yea, they worship.

7. They bear him upon the shoulder, they carry him, and set him in his place, and he standeth; from his place shall he not remove: yea, one shall cry unto him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble.

A call to remember.

Remember that IEUE knows the beginning and the end.

8. Remember this, and shew yourselves men: bring it again to mind, O you transgressors.

9. Remember the former things of old: for I am Aleim, and there is none else; I am Aleim, and there is none like me,

10. Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

Remember that IEUE will bring a deliverer to Zion.

11. Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.

12. Hearken unto me, you stouthearted, that are far from righteousness:

13. I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israhel my glory.

Babylon brought low.

The humiliation of Babylon.

Babylon represented as a woman is humbled.

Chapter 47.

1. Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon, sit on the ground: there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.

2. Take the millstones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers.

3. Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man.

IEUE of hosts is glorified.

4. As for our redeemer, IEUE of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Isrhael.

Why Aleim will humbled Babylon.

5. Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms.

6. I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst shew them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke.

7. And thou saidst, I shall be a lady forever: so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end of it.

The rebuke of Babylon.

Why sudden humiliation comes to Babylon.

8. Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children:

9. But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments.

The pride and arrogance of Babylon is rebuked.

10. For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me.

11. Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shall not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou shall not know.

A challenge to the stargazers and sorcerers of Babylon.

12. Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shall be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail.

13. Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee.

14. Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it.

15. Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, even thy merchants, from thy youth: they shall wander everyone to his quarter; none shall save thee.

Chastening and mercy for Judah.

IEUE clearly sees the hard hearts of His people.

IEUE sees the hypocrisy of Judah.

#### Chapter 48

1. Hear you this, O house of Iakob, which are called by the name of Isrhael, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of IEUE, and make mention of the Aleim of Isrhael, but not in truth, nor in righteousness.

2. For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the Aleim of Isrhael; IEUE of hosts is his name.

IEUE sees that Judah has no excuse.

3. I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass.

4. Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass;

5. I have even from the beginning declared it to thee; before it came to pass I shewed it thee: lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them.

IEUE sees how deep the sinfulness of Judah is.

6. Thou hast heard, see all this; and will not ye declare it? I have shewed thee new things from this time, even hidden things, and thou didst not know them.

7. They are created now, and not from the beginning; even before the day when thou heardest them not; lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew them.

8. Yea, thou heardest not; yea, thou knewest not; yea, from that time that thine ear was not opened: for I knew that thou wouldest deal very treacherously, and wast called a transgressor from the womb.

IEUE's mercy to His undeserving people.

The reason for IEUE's mercy to His people.

9. For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off.

10. Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.

11. For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another.

12. Harken unto me, O Iakob and Isrhael, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last.

13. Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together.

The unfulfilled potential of Aleim's disobedient people.

14. All you, assemble yourselves, and hear; which among them hath declared these things? IEUE hath loved him: he will do his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm shall be on the Chaldeans.

15. I, even I, have spoken; yea, I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous.

16. Come you near unto me, hear you this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Master Aleim, and his Spirit, hath sent me.

17. Thus saith IEUE, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Isrhael; I am IEUE thy Aleim which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

18. O that thou hadst hearkened to My commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea:

19. Thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof; his name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.

Praise for IEUE's redemption - and a warning.

20. Go you forth of Babylon, flee you from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing declare you, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth; say you, IEUE hath redeemed his servant Iakob.

21. And they thirsted not when he led them through the deserts: he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out.

22. There is no peace, saith IEUE, unto the wicked.

The Moseea's mission.

The Moseea declares His mission.

The call and the preparation of the Moseea.

Chapter 49.

1. Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, you people, from far; IEUE hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.

2. And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me;

The Moseea's confidence in IEUE.

3. And said unto me, Thou art my servant, O Isrhael, in whom I will be glorified.

4. Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with IEUE, and my work with my Aleim.

The Moseea blesses Isrhael and the nations.

5. And now, saith IEUE that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Iakob again to him, Though Isrhael be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of IEUE, and my Aleim shall be my strength.

6. And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Iakob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the non Jews, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

7. Thus saith IEUE, the Redeemer of Isrhael, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of IEUE that is faithful, and the Holy One of Isrhael, and he shall choose thee.

The glory of the Moseea's ministry.

8. Thus saith IEUE, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;

9. That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places.

10. They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

11. And I will make all my mountains a way, and my highways shall be exalted.

12. Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.

IEUE's faithfulness to Zion.

IEUE is praised for goodness to Zion - and an objection is raised.

13. Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for IEUE hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.

14. But Zion said, IEUE hath forsaken me, and my Master hath forgotten me.

Aleim does care and IEUE proclaims His love and faithfulness to Zion.

15. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.

16. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.

17. Thy children shall make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee.

18. Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, and come to thee. As I live, saith IEUE, thou shall surely clothe thee with them all, as with an ornament, and bind them on thee, as a bride doeth.

Aleim does care and He promises and affirms blessing for Zion.

19. For thy waste and thy desolate places, and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away.

20. The children which thou shall have, after thou hast lost the other, shall say again in thine ears, The place is too strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell.

21. Then shall thou say in thine heart, Who hath begotten me these, seeing I have lost my children, and am desolate, a captive, and removing to and fro? and who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where had they been?

22. Thus saith the Master Aleim, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the non Jews, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders.

23. And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shall know that I am IEUE: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.



24. Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered?

25. But thus saith IEUE, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.

26. And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I IEUE am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Iakob.

The Moseea's steadfast obedience.

IEUE's question to Zion.

Aleim does care and will lovingly confront those in Zion who doubted His care for them.

Chapter 50.

1. Thus saith IEUE, Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have you sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away.

Aleim does care and reminds Zion of His power.

2. Wherefore, when I came, was there no man? when I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because there is no water, and dieth for thirst.

3. I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering.

The steadfast obedience of the Servant of IEUE the Moseea.

The care of Aleim is dramatically shown in the Moseea's submission unto IEUE.

4. IEUE Aleim hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.

5. The Master Aleim hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back.

The care of IEUE is shown in the courageous greatness of the Moseea's submission unto IEUE.

6. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

7. For the Master Aleim will help me; therefore shall I not be confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.

8. He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me.

9. Behold, the Master Aleim will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? lo, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.

The Servant of IEUE challenges all to IEUE as He does.

10. Who is among you that feareth IEUE, that obeyeth the voice of His servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of IEUE, and stay upon his Aleim.

11. Behold, all you that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; you shall lie down in sorrow.

Listen and awake.

Listen to Me.

Listen: IEUE's past faithfulness is a promise of future blessing.

Chapter 51.

1. Hearken to me, you that follow after righteousness, you that seek IEUE: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.

2. Look unto Abrrhaam your father, and unto Sarha that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him.

3. For IEUE shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of IEUE; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

Listen: IEUE's salvation and righteousness are forever.

4. Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people.

5. My righteousness is near; my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust.

6. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die in like manner: but my salvation shall be forever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

Listen : fear Aleim not man.

7. Hearken unto me, you that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear you not the reproach of men, neither be you afraid of their revilings.

8. For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.

"Awake, awake! "

Wake up to the power and greatness of IEUE.

9. Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of IEUE; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Rhaab, and wounded the dragon?

10. Art thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over?

11. Therefore the redeemed of IEUE shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

12. I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass;

13. And forgettest IEUE thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor?

14. The captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail.

15. But I am IEUE thy Aleim, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: IEUE of hosts is his name.

16. And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.

Wake up to the reality of Aleim's wrath.

17. Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of IEUE the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out.

18. There is none to guide her among all the sons whom she hath brought forth; neither is there any that taketh her by the hand of all the sons that she hath brought up.

19. These two things are come unto thee; who shall be sorry for thee? desolation, and destruction, and the famine, and the sword: by whom shall I comfort thee?

20. Thy sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, as a wild bull in a net: they are full of the fury of IEUE, the rebuke of thy Aleim.

21. Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine:

22. Thus saith thy Master IEUE, and thy Aleim that pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again:

23. But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; which have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over: and thou hast laid thy body as the ground, and as the street, to them that went over.

Joy when IEUE reigns in Zion.

When IEUE brings back Zion.

Wake up to IEUE's redemption of Zion.

Chapter 52.

1. Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.

2. Shake thyself from the dust; arise, and sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

3. For thus saith IEUE, You have sold yourselves for nought; and you shall be redeemed without money.

IEUE vindicates His name before those who blaspheme His name.

4. For thus saith the Master Aleim, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

5. Now therefore, what have I here, saith IEUE, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith IEUE; and my name continually every day is blasphemed.

6. Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak: behold, it is I.

The whole earth sees that IEUE redeems Zion.

7. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

8. Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when IEUE shall bring again Zion.

9. Break forth into joy, sing together, you waste places of Jerusalem: for IEUE hath comforted His people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

10. IEUE hath made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our Aleim.

A call unto and confidence for those who will return.

11. Depart you, depart you, go you out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go you out of the midst of her; be you clean, that bear the vessels of IEUE.

12. For you shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for IEUE will go before you; and the Aleim of Isrhael will be your rereward.

The Servant of IEUE brings salvation to many nations.

The exaltation and humiliation of the Servant of IEUE.

13. Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

14. As many were astonied at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

The cleansing of many nations.

15. So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.

The atoning suffering and victory of the Moseea.

The atoning suffering of the Servant of IEUE.

How man saw the suffering Moseea.

Chapter 53.

1. Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of IEUE revealed?
2. For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.
3. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

The Servant of IEUE bears our sin.

4. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of Aleim, and afflicted.
5. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.
6. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and IEUE hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

The suffering and death of the Servant of IEUE.

7. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth.
8. He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.
9. And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

The victory of the servant of IEUE.

The Moseea's satisfaction.

10. Yet it pleased IEUE to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of IEUE shall prosper in his hand.



11. He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

The Moseea's work and reward.

12. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The restoration of Isrhael, the wife of IEUE.

IEUE speaks to Isrhael as His wife.

Isrhael will be restored like a barren woman who bears many children.

Chapter 54.

1. Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith IEUE.

2. Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;

3. For thou shall break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the non Jews, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

Isrhael will be restored like a widow who is rescued from her reproach.

4. Fear not; for thou shall not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shall not be put to shame: for thou shall forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

5. For thy Maker is thine husband; IEUE of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Isrhael; The Aleim of the whole earth shall he be called.

6. For IEUE hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy Aleim.

Aleim explains His restoration of Isrhael.

7. For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.

8. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith IEUE thy Redeemer.

A promise to never forsake Isrhael.

9. For this is as the waters of Noe unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noe should no more go over the earth; so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.

10. For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith IEUE that hath mercy on thee.

Promises of prosperity, peace and protection.

11. O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires.

12. And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones.

13. And all thy children shall be taught of IEUE; and great shall be the peace of thy children.

14. In righteousness shall thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee.

15. Behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake.

16. Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.

17. No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of IEUE, and their righteousness is of me, saith IEUE.

An invitation to receive the glory of IEUE's restoration.

An invitation to receive blessing.

An invitation to be richly fed.

Chapter 55.

1. Ho, everyone that thirsteth, come you to the waters, and he that hath no money; come you, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

2. Wherefore do you spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

An invitation to be wonderfully led.

3. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of Daud.

4. Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

5. Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of IEUE thy Aleim, and for the Holy One of Israhel; for he hath glorified thee.

An invitation to be forgiven.

6. Seek you IEUE while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

7. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto IEUE, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our Aleim, for he will abundantly pardon.

The glorious ways of IEUE.

A reminder of the difference and distance between Aleim and man.

8. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith IEUE.

9. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The glorious operation of the Word of Aleim.

10. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

11. So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

The joy and blessing of restoration.

12. For you shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

13. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to IEUE for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

A house of prayer for all nations.

A promise for those outside the border of Israhel.

A call to righteousness.

Chapter 56.

1. Thus saith IEUE, Keep you judgment, and do justice: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.

2. Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil.

A promise for the foreigner and the outcast.

3. Neither let the son of the stranger, that hath joined himself to IEUE, speak, saying, IEUE hath utterly separated me from His people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree.

4. For thus saith IEUE unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and take hold of my covenant;

5. Even unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters: I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

6. Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to IEUE, to serve him, and to love the name of IEUE, to be His servants, everyone that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant;

7. Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

8. The Master Aleim which gathereth the outcasts of Israhel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.

A promise to judge the blind leaders of Aleim's people.

A word to the beasts of the field.

9. All you beasts of the field, come to devour, yea, all you beasts in the forest.

A word about the unfaithful leaders of Judah.

10. His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber.

11. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, everyone for his gain, from his quarter.

A word from the unfaithful leaders of Judah.

12. Come you, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.

The Spiritual Adultery of Aleim's people.

Judah' idolatry is like spiritual Adultery.

The persecution of the righteous.

Chapter 57.

1. The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.

2. He shall enter into peace: they shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness.

The spiritual Adultery of Aleim's people.

3. But draw near hither, you sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the whore.

4. Against whom do you sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, and draw out the tongue? are you not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood,

5. Enflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree, slaying the children in the valleys under the cliffs of the rocks?

6. Among the smooth stones of the stream is thy portion; they, they are thy lot: even to them hast thou poured a drink offering, thou hast offered a meat offering. Should I receive comfort in these?

7. Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set thy bed: even thither wentest thou up to offer sacrifice.

8. Behind the doors also and the posts hast thou set up thy remembrance: for thou hast discovered thyself to another than me, and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and made thee a covenant with them; thou lovedst their bed where thou sawest it.

9. And thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thy messengers far off, and didst debase thyself even unto hell.

10. Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way; yet saidst thou not, There is no hope: thou hast found the life of thine hand; therefore thou wast not grieved.

Aleim describes His dealings with His disobedient people.

The end of Aleim's patience will His people.

11. And of whom hast thou been afraid or feared, that thou hast lied, and hast not remembered me, nor laid it to thy heart? have not I held my peace even of old, and thou fearest me not?

12. I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works; for they shall not profit thee.

13. When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee; but the wind shall carry them all away; vanity shall take them: but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain;



A stumbling block removed.

14. And shall say, Cast you up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumblingblock out of the way of my people.

Aleim describes the way of peace and restoration.

15. For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

16. For I will not contend forever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made.

17. For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him: I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on frowardly in the way of his heart.

18. I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners.

19. I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith IEUE; and I will heal him.

20. But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.

21. There is no peace, saith my Aleim, to the wicked.

The blessing of true worship.

IEUE exposes the shallow worship of His people.

Aleim's people ask "Why do our prayers go unanswered"?.

Chapter 58.

1. Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Iakob their sins.

2. Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their Aleim: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to Aleim.

Aleim exposes the shallow worship of His people.

3. Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and thou seest not? wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labours.

4. Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: you shall not fast as you do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high.

5. Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to IEUE?

The character and blessings of true worship.

The kind of worship and fasting most acceptable to Aleim.

6. Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

7. Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

The blessings Aleim promises for the true worshipper.

8. Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of IEUE shall be thy rereward.

9. Then shalt thou call, and IEUE shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity;

10. And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday:

11. And IEUE shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

12. And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shall be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

True Sabbath keeping and the blessings of it.

13. If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of IEUE, honourable; and shall honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:

14. Then shall thou delight thyself in IEUE; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Iakob thy father: for the mouth of IEUE hath spoken it.

The reality check.

The Sin Aleim sees.

The problem of Aleim's people: what the cause is not.

Chapter 59.

1. Behold, IEUE'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

The problem of Aleim's people: what the cause is.

2. But your iniquities have separated between you and your Aleim, and your sins have hid His face from you, that he will not hear.

A detailed description of the sins of Aleim's people.

3. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness.

4. None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.

5. They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper.

6. Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.

7. Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths.

8. The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

The effects of sin the people see.

Because of their sin, darkness comes.

9. Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness.

10. We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men.

11. We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us.

Confessing their sin and admitting their guilt.

12. For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them;

13. In transgressing and lying against IEUE, and departing away from our Aleim, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.

14. And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.

The salvation and redemption IEUE sees.

What IEUE saw.

15. Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and IEUE saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment.

What IEUE did.

16. And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him.

17. For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke.

18. According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence.

19. So shall they fear the name of IEUE from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of IEUE shall lift up a standard against him.

What IEUE said.

20. And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Iakob, saith IEUE.

21. As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith IEUE; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith IEUE, from henceforth and forever.

The glorious light of Aleim's kingdom.

The glory of Isrhael in the kingdom of Aleim.

The glorious light of Aleim's kingdom.

Chapter 60.

1. Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of IEUE is risen upon thee.
2. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but IEUE shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.
3. And the non Jews shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Great treasures come to Isrhael in the kingdom.

4. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.
5. Then thou shall see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the non Jews shall come unto thee.
6. The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall shew forth the praises of IEUE.
7. All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will glorify the house of my glory.
8. Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?
9. Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of IEUE thy Aleim, and to the Holy One of Isrhael, because he hath glorified thee.
10. And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee.
11. Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the non Jews, and that their kings may be brought.
12. For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.
13. The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.

The glory of Isrhael in the kingdom contrasted with their previous state.

How the nations treated Isrhael and how they will treat them in the kingdom.

14. The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of IEUE, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

15. Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.

16. Thou shall also suck the milk of the non Jews, and shall suck the breast of kings: and thou shall know that I IEUE am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Iakob.

17. For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness.

18. Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shall call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

How IEUE will treat Isrhael in the kingdom.

19. The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but IEUE shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy Aleim thy glory.

20. Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for IEUE shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

21. Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.

22. A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation: I IEUE will hasten it in his time.

Out of the mouth of the Moseea.

What the Moseea will do

The empowerment of the Moseea's ministry.

The ministry of the Moseea.

Chapter 61.

1. The Spirit of the Master Aleim is upon me; because IEUE hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

2. To proclaim the acceptable year of IEUE, and the day of vengeance of our Aleim; to comfort all that mourn;

3. To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of IEUE, that he might be glorified.

What Aleim's people will do.

Aleim's people will rebuild what is ruined.

4. And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

Aleim's people will be set apart to serve IEUE.

5. And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.

6. But you shall be named the Priests of IEUE: men shall call you the Ministers of our Aleim: you shall eat the riches of the non Jews, and in their glory shall you boast yourselves.

Aleim's people will rejoice at Aleim's great blessings.

7. For your shame you shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.



The everlasting covenant.

The heart behind the covenant.

8. For I IEUE love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

The covenant brings prominent blessings.

9. And their seed shall be known among the non Jews, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which IEUE hath blessed.

The covenant brings salvation and righteousness.

10. I will greatly rejoice in IEUE, my soul shall be joyful in my Aleim; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

11. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Master Aleim will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

A Glorious future for Zion.

Jerusalem is loved and protected.

The coming righteousness and glory of Zion.

Chapter 62.

1. For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.

2. And the non Jews of shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of IEUE shall name.

3. Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of IEUE, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy Aleim.

IEUE loves Zion as a bridegroom loves a bride.

4. Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for IEUE delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.

5. For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy Aleim rejoice over thee.

IEUE promises to protect Zion.

6. I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: you that make mention of IEUE, keep not silence,

7. And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.

8. IEUE hath sworn by His right hand, and by the arm of His strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast laboured:

9. But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise IEUE; and they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness.

IEUE will visit Jerusalem.

A way prepared for the coming of IEUE.

10. Go through, go through the gates; prepare you the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.

The Moseea comes to Zion.

11. Behold, IEUE hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say you to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.

12. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of IEUE: and thou shall be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

Prayer from captivity.

The day of vengeance.

A question and on answer. "Who is this"?

Chapter 63.

1. Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.

A question and an answer. "Why are Your clothes red"?

2. Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?

3. I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.

4. For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come.

5. And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me.

6. And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

The exile' prayer.

Remembering the mercy and the might of IEUE.

7. I will mention the lovingkindnesses of IEUE, and the praises of IEUE, according to all that IEUE hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israhel, which He hath bestowed on them according to His mercies, and according to the multitude of His lovingkindnesses.

8. For He said, Surely they are My people, children that will not lie: so He was their Saviour.

9. In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

10. But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

11. Then he remembered the days of old, MoUse, and his people, saying, Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock? where is he that put his holy Spirit within him?

12. That led them by the right hand of MoUse with his glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name?

13. That led them through the deep, as an horse in the wilderness, that they should not stumble?

14. As a beast goeth down into the valley, the Spirit of IEUE caused him to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name.

A plea for restoration.

15. Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: where is thy zeal and thy strength, the sounding of thy bowels and of thy mercies toward me? are they restrained?

16. Doubtless thou art our father, though Abrhaam be ignorant of us, and Isrhael acknowledge us not: thou, O IEUE, art our father, our redeemer; thy name is from everlasting.

17. O IEUE, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways, and hardened our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance.

18. The people of thy holiness have possessed it but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary.

19. We are thine: thou never barest rule over them; they were not called by thy name.

The remnant prays.

Requesting and remembering Aleim's great works.

Aleim's people plead for Him to come in power and glory.

Chapter 64.

1. Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence,

2. As when the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence!

3. When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence.

4. For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O Aleim, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.

The obstacle to Aleim's great works: our great sinfulness.

5. Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou art wroth; for we have sinned: in those is continuance, and we shall be saved.

6. But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

7. And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.

A plea for the mercy of IEUE.

Asking Aleim to remember who His people are.

8. But now, O IEUE, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.

9. Be not wroth very sore, O IEUE, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, see, we beseech thee, we are all thy people.

Asking Aleim to remember the condition of Zion.

10. Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.

11. Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire: and all our pleasant things are laid waste.

Asking Aleim to act.

12. Will thou refrain thyself for these things, O IEUE? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?

The IEUE answers the prayer of the remnant.

The immediate answer: The IEUE will indeed bless His genuine servants.

IEUE sees the shallow repentance of the remnant.

Chapter 65.

1. I am sought of them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation that was not called by my name.

2. I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that was not good, after their own thoughts;

3. A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face; that sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense upon altars of brick;

4. Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments, which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their vessels;

5. Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day.

6. Behold, it is written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, even recompense into their bosom,

7. Your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith IEUE, which have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills: therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom.

A promise of blessing for the true servants of IEUE and a promise of chastisement for the false or shallow servants of Aleim.

8. Thus saith IEUE, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing is in it: so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all.

9. And I will bring forth a seed out of Iakob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.

10. And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor a place for the herds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me.

11. But you are they that forsake IEUE, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for that troop, and that furnish the drink offering unto that number.

12. Therefore will I number you to the sword, and you shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, you did not answer; when I spake, you did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not.



13. Therefore thus saith the Master Aleim, Behold, My servants shall eat, but you shall be hungry: behold, my servants shall drink, but you shall be thirsty: behold, my servants shall rejoice, but you shall be ashamed:

14. Behold, My servants shall sing for joy of heart, but you shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit.

15. And you shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen: for the Master Aleim shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name:

16. That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the Aleim of truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the Aleim of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.

The ultimate answer: IEUE will redeem and remake all of creation.

The promise of a new heavens and a new earth.

17. For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

18. But be you glad and rejoice forever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

19. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

The blessed state of the millennial earth.

20. There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.

21. And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

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

23. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of IEUE, and their offspring with them.

24. And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

25. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith IEUE.

Rejoicing in Aleim's ultimate victory.

IEUE will repay His enemies.

The greatness of Aleim and proper response of man.

Chapter 66.

1. Thus saith IEUE, The heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool: where is the house that you build unto Me? and where is the place of My rest?

2. For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith IEUE: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

Aleim's answer to empty religious ritual.

3. He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood; he that burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations.

4. I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose that in which I delighted not.

IEUE repays His enemies.

5. Hear the word of IEUE, you that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let IEUE be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.

6. A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of IEUE that rendereth recompence to his enemies.

IEUE comes with fire.

Rejoicing in the deliverance of Jerusalem.

7. Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child.

8. Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.

9. Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith IEUE: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut the womb? saith thy Aleim.

10. Rejoice you with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all you that mourn for her:

11. That you may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that you may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.

IEUE comes in judgment.

12. For thus saith IEUE, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the non Jews like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, you shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees.

13. As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

14. And when you see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of IEUE shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.

15. For, behold, IEUE will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.

16. For by fire and by his sword will IEUE plead with all flesh: and the slain of IEUE shall be many.

17. They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves in the gardens behind one tree in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, shall be consumed together, saith IEUE.

IEUE gathers and restores His people.

18. For I know their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory.

19. And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those that escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the non Jews.

20. And they shall bring all your brethren for an offering unto IEUE out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith IEUE, as the children of Israhel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of IEUE.

21. And I will also take of them for priests and for Levites, saith IEUE.

The certainty of the both IEUE's judgment and His restoration.

22. For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith IEUE, so shall your seed and your name remain.

23. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith IEUE.

24. And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.