

²⁰ So he said to his daughters, “And where is he? Why is it *that* you have left the man? Call him, that he may ^xeat bread.”

²¹ Then Moses was content to live with the man, and he gave ^yZipporah his daughter to Moses. ²² And she bore *him* a son. He called his name ^zGershom,¹ for he said, “I have been ^aa ²stranger in a foreign land.”

²³ Now it happened ^bin the process of time that the king of Egypt died. Then the children of Israel ^cgroaned because of the bondage, and they cried out; and ^dtheir cry came up to God because of the bondage. ²⁴ So God ^eheard their groaning, and God ^fremembered His ^gcovenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. ²⁵ And God ^hlooked upon the children of Israel, and God ⁱacknowledged *them*.

MOSES AT THE BURNING BUSH

3 Now Moses was tending the flock of ^jJethro his father-in-law, ^kthe priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to ^lHoreb, ^mthe mountain of God. ² And ⁿthe Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush *was not consumed*. ³ Then Moses said, “I will now turn aside and see this ^ogreat sight, why the bush does not burn.”

⁴ So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called ^pto him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!”

And he said, “Here I am.”

⁵ Then He said, “Do not draw near this place. ^qTake your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.” ⁶ Moreover He said, “*I am* the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for ^she was afraid to look upon God.

⁷ And the LORD said: “I have surely seen the oppression of My people who *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry ^r“because of their taskmasters, ^vfor I know their ³sorrows. ⁸ So ^wI have come down to ^xdeliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land ^yto a good and large land, to a land ^zflowing with milk and honey, to the place of ^athe Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. ⁹ Now therefore, behold, ^bthe cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the ^coppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ ^dCome now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”

¹¹ But Moses said to God, “*Who am* I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”

¹² So He said, ^f“I will certainly be with you. And this *shall be* a ^gsign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

¹³ Then Moses said to God, “Indeed, *when* I come to the children of Israel

¹Lit. *Stranger There* ²sojourner, temporary resident
³pain

2:20 ^xGen. 31:54; 43:25 **2:21** ^yEx. 4:25; 18:2 **2:22** ^zEx. 4:20; 18:3, 4 ^aGen. 23:4; Lev. 25:23; Acts 7:29; Heb. 11:13, 14 **2:23** ^bActs 7:34 ^cDeut. 26:7 ^dEx. 3:7, 9; James 5:4 **2:24** ^eEx. 6:5; Acts 7:34 ^fGen. 15:13; 22:16–18; 26:2–5; 28:13–15; Ps. 105:8, 42 ^gGen. 12:1–3; 15:14; 17:1–14 **2:25** ^hEx. 4:31; Luke 1:25; Acts 7:34 ⁱEx. 3:7 **3:1** ^jEx. 4:18 ^kEx. 2:16 ^lEx. 17:6; 1 Kin. 19:8 ^mEx. 18:5 **3:2** ⁿDeut. 33:16; Mark 12:26; Luke 20:37; Acts 7:30 **3:3** ^oActs 7:31 **3:4** ^pEx. 4:5; Deut. 33:16 **3:5** ^qJosh. 5:15; Acts 7:33 **3:6** ^rGen. 28:13; Ex. 3:16; 4:5; [Matt. 22:32; Mark 12:26, 27; Luke 20:37, 38]; Acts 7:32 ^s1 Kin. 19:13 **3:7** ^tEx. 2:23–25; Neh. 9:9; Ps. 106:44 ^uEx. 1:11 ^vGen. 18:21; Ex. 2:25 **3:8** ^wGen. 15:13–16; 46:4; 50:24, 25 ^xEx. 6:6–8; 12:51 ^yNum. 13:27; Deut. 1:25; 8:7–9; Josh. 3:17 ^zEx. 3:17; 13:5; Jer. 11:5; Ezek. 20:6 ^aGen. 15:19–21; Josh. 24:11 **3:9** ^bEx. 2:23 ^cEx. 1:11, 13, 14 **3:10** ^dGen. 15:13, 14; Ex. 12:40, 41; [Mic. 6:4]; Acts 7:6, 7 **3:11** ^eEx. 4:10; 6:12; 1 Sam. 18:18 **3:12** ^fGen. 31:3; Ex. 4:12, 15; 33:14–16; Deut. 31:23; Josh. 1:5; Is. 43:2; Rom. 8:31 ^gEx. 4:8; 19:3

and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they say to me, ‘What is His name?’ what shall I say to them?”

¹⁴And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ^h‘I AM has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵Moreover God said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: ‘The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is ⁱMy name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.’” ¹⁶Go and ^jgather the elders of Israel together, and say to them, ‘The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me, saying, ^k“I have surely visited you and ^{seen} what is done to you in Egypt; ¹⁷and I have said ^l‘I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, to a land flowing with milk and honey.’” ¹⁸Then ^mthey will heed your voice; and ⁿyou shall come, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt; and you shall say to him, ‘The LORD God of the Hebrews has ^omet with us; and now, please, let us go three days’ journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.’ ¹⁹But I am sure that the king of Egypt ^pwill not let you go, no, not even by a mighty hand. ²⁰So I will ^qstretch out My hand and strike Egypt with ^rall My wonders which I will do in its midst; and ^safter that he will let you go. ²¹And ^t‘I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be, when you go, that you shall not go empty-handed.

²²“But every woman shall ask of her neighbor, namely, of her who dwells near her house, ^varticles of silver, articles of gold, and clothing; and you shall put *them* on your sons and on your daughters. So ^wyou shall plunder the Egyptians.”

MIRACULOUS SIGNS FOR PHARAOH

4 Then Moses answered and said, “But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, ‘The LORD has not appeared to you.’”

²So the LORD said to him, “What is that in your hand?”

He said, “A rod.”

³And He said, “Cast it on the ground.” So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “Reach out your hand and take *it* by the tail” (and he reached out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand), ⁵“that they may ^xbelieve that the ^yLORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.”

⁶Furthermore the LORD said to him, “Now put your hand in your bosom.” And he put his hand in his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand *was* leprous, ^zlike snow. ⁷And He said, “Put your hand in your bosom again.” So he put his hand in his bosom again, and drew it out of his bosom, and behold, ^ait was restored like his *other* flesh. ⁸“Then it will be, if they do not believe you, nor heed the message of the ^bfirst sign, that they may believe the message of the latter sign. ⁹And it shall be, if they do not believe even these two signs, or listen to your voice, that you shall

3:14 ^h[Ex. 6:3; John 8:24, 28, 58; Heb. 13:8; Rev. 1:8; 4:8] **3:15** ⁱPs. 30:4; 97:12; 102:12; 135:13; [Hos. 12:5] **3:16** ^jEx. 4:29 ^kGen. 50:24; Ex. 2:25; 4:31; Ps. 33:18; Luke 1:68 **3:17** ^lGen. 15:13–21; 46:4; 50:24, 25 **3:18** ^mEx. 4:31 ⁿEx. 5:1, 3 ^oNum. 23:3, 4, 15, 16 **3:19** ^pEx. 5:2 **3:20** ^qEx. 6:6; 9:15 ^rDeut. 6:22; Neh. 9:10; Ps. 105:27; 135:9; Jer. 32:20; Acts 7:36 ^sEx. 11:1; 12:31–37 **3:21** ^tEx. 11:3; 12:36; 1 Kin. 8:50; Ps. 105:37; 106:46; [Prov. 16:7] **3:22** ^uEx. 11:2 ^vEx. 33:6 ^wJob 27:17; Prov. 13:22; [Ezek. 39:10] **4:5** ^xEx. 4:31; 19:9 ^yGen. 28:13; 48:15; Ex. 3:6, 15 **4:6** ^zNum. 12:10; 2 Kin. 5:27 **4:7** ^aNum. 12:13–15; Deut. 32:39 **4:8** ^bEx. 7:6–13

take water from ¹the river and pour it on the dry *land*. ²The water which you take from the river will become blood on the dry *land*.”

¹⁰Then Moses said to the LORD, “O my Lord, I *am* not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but ⁴I *am* slow of speech and ²slow of tongue.”

¹¹So the LORD said to him, ^e“Who has made man’s mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? *Have* not I, the LORD? ¹²Now therefore, go, and I will be ^fwith your mouth and teach you what you shall say.”

¹³But he said, “O my Lord, ⁹please send by the hand of whomever *else* You may send.”

¹⁴So ^hthe anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and He said: “Is not Aaron the Levite your ⁱbrother? I know that he can speak well. And look, ^jhe is also coming out to meet you. When he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. ¹⁵Now ^kyou shall speak to him and ^lput the words in his mouth. And I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and ^mI will teach you what you shall do. ¹⁶So he shall be your spokesman to the people. And he himself shall be as a mouth for you, and ⁿyou shall be to him as God. ¹⁷And you shall take this rod in your hand, with which you shall do the signs.”

MOSES GOES TO EGYPT

¹⁸So Moses went and returned to ^oJethro his father-in-law, and said to him, “Please let me go and return to my brethren who *are* in Egypt, and see whether they are still alive.”

And Jethro said to Moses, ^p“Go in peace.”

¹⁹Now the LORD said to Moses in ^qMidian, “Go, return to ^rEgypt; for ^sall the men who sought your life are dead.” ²⁰Then Moses ^ttook his wife and his sons and set them on a donkey, and he returned to the land of Egypt. And Moses took ^uthe rod of God in his hand.

²¹And the LORD said to Moses, “When you go back to Egypt, see that you do all those ^vwonders before Pharaoh which I have put in your hand. But ^wI will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go. ²²Then you shall ^xsay to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the LORD:’ ^y“Israel is My son, ^zMy firstborn. ²³So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed ^aI will kill your son, your firstborn.”’”

²⁴And it came to pass on the way, at the ^bencampment, that the LORD ^cmet him and sought to ^dkill him. ²⁵Then ^eZipporah took ^fa sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and ³cast it at ⁴Moses’ feet, and said, “Surely you *are* a husband of blood to me!” ²⁶So He let him go. Then she said, “*You are* a ⁵husband of blood!”—because of the circumcision.

²⁷And the LORD said to Aaron, “Go into the wilderness ⁹to meet Moses.” So he went and met him on ^hthe mountain of God, and kissed him.

²⁸So Moses ⁱtold Aaron all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the ^jsigns which He had commanded him. ²⁹Then Moses and Aaron ^kwent and gathered together all the elders of

¹The Nile ²heavy or dull of tongue; cannot talk very well ³Lit. made it touch ⁴Lit. his ⁵bridegroom

4:9 ^cEx. 7:19, 20 **4:10** ^dEx. 3:11; 4:1; 6:12; Jer. 1:6 **4:11** ^ePs. 94:9; 146:8; Matt. 11:5; Luke 1:20, 64 **4:12** ^fEx. 4:15, 16; Deut. 18:18; Is. 50:4; Jer. 1:9; [Matt. 10:19; Mark 13:11; Luke 12:11, 12; 21:14, 15] **4:13** ^gJon. 1:3 **4:14** ^hNum. 11:1, 33 ⁱNum. 26:59 ^jEx. 4:27; 1 Sam. 10:2, 3, 5 **4:15** ^kEx. 4:12, 30; 7:1, 2 ^lNum. 23:5, 12; Deut. 18:18; 2 Sam. 14:3, 19; Is. 51:16; 59:21; Jer. 1:9 ^mDeut. 5:31 **4:16** ⁿEx. 7:1, 2 **4:18** ^oEx. 2:21; 3:1; 4:18 ^pGen. 43:23; Judg. 18:6 **4:19** ^qEx. 3:1; 18:1 ^rGen. 46:3, 6 ^sEx. 2:15, 23; Matt. 2:20 **4:20** ^tEx. 18:2–5; Acts 7:29 ^uEx. 4:17; 17:9; Num. 20:8, 9, 11 **4:21** ^vEx. 3:20; 11:9, 10 ^wEx. 7:3, 13; 9:12, 35; 10:1, 20, 27; 14:4, 8; Deut. 2:30; Josh. 11:20; 1 Sam. 6:6; Is. 63:17; John 12:40; Rom. 9:18 **4:22** ^xEx. 5:1 ^yIs. 63:16; 64:8; Hos. 11:1; [Rom. 9:4; 2 Cor. 6:16, 18] ^zJer. 31:9; [James 1:18] **4:23** ^aEx. 11:5; 12:29; Ps. 105:36; 135:8; 136:10 **4:24** ^bGen. 42:27 ^cEx. 3:18; 5:3; Num. 22:22 ^dGen. 17:14 **4:25** ^eEx. 2:21; 18:2 ^fGen. 17:14; Josh. 5:2, 3 **4:27** ^gEx. 4:14 ^hEx. 3:1; 18:5; 24:13 **4:28** ⁱEx. 4:15, 16 ^jEx. 4:8, 9 **4:29** ^kEx. 3:16; 12:21

saves Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die.” But not a man among all the people answered him. ⁴⁰Then he said to all Israel, “You be on one side, and my son Jonathan and I will be on the other side.”

And the people said to Saul, “Do what seems good to you.”

⁴¹Therefore Saul said to the LORD God of Israel, “Give¹ a perfect lot.” ^xSo Saul and Jonathan were taken, but the people escaped. ⁴²And Saul said, “Cast lots between my son Jonathan and me.” So Jonathan was taken. ⁴³Then Saul said to Jonathan, ^y“Tell me what you have done.”

And Jonathan told him, and said, ^z“I only tasted a little honey with the end of the rod that was in my hand. So now I must die!”

⁴⁴Saul answered, “God do so and more also; ^bfor you shall surely die, Jonathan.”

⁴⁵But the people said to Saul, “Shall Jonathan die, who has accomplished this great deliverance in Israel? Certainly not! ^cAs the LORD lives, not one hair of his head shall fall to the ground, for he has worked ^dwith God this day.” So the people rescued Jonathan, and he did not die.

⁴⁶Then Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, and the Philistines went to their own place.

SAUL'S CONTINUING WARS

⁴⁷So Saul established his sovereignty over Israel, and fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, against the people of ^eAmmon,

¹So with MT, Tg.; LXX, Vg. *Why do You not answer Your servant today? If the injustice is with me or Jonathan my son, O LORD God of Israel, give proof; and if You say it is with Your people Israel, give holiness.* ²LXX, Vg. prospered ³Lit. struck ⁴Abinadab, 1 Chr. 8:33; 9:39 ⁵Lit. strike

against Edom, against the kings of ^fZobah, and against the Philistines. Wherever he turned, he ²harassed them. ⁴⁸And he gathered an army and ⁹attacked³ the Amalekites, and delivered Israel from the hands of those who plundered them.

⁴⁹^hThe sons of Saul were Jonathan, ⁴Jishui, and Malchishua. And the names of his two daughters were these: the name of the firstborn Merab, and the name of the younger ⁱMichal. ⁵⁰The name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam the daughter of Ahimaaz. And the name of the commander of his army was Abner the son of Ner, Saul's ^juncle. ⁵¹^kKish was the father of Saul, and Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel.

⁵²Now there was fierce war with the Philistines all the days of Saul. And when Saul saw any strong man or any valiant man, ^lhe took him for himself.

SAUL SPARES KING AGAG

15 Samuel also said to Saul, ^m“The LORD sent me to anoint you king over His people, over Israel. Now therefore, heed the voice of the words of the LORD. ²Thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, ⁿhow he ambushed him on the way when he came up from Egypt. ³Now go and ^oattack⁵ Amalek, and ^putterly destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and nursing child, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.’”

⁴So Saul gathered the people together and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand foot soldiers and ten thousand men of Judah. ⁵And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and lay in wait in the valley.

14:41 ^wProv. 16:33; Acts 1:24–26 ^xJosh. 7:16; 1 Sam. 10:20, 21 **14:43** ^yJosh. 7:19 ^z1 Sam. 14:27 **14:44** ⁸Ruth 1:17; 1 Sam. 25:22 ^b1 Sam. 14:39 **14:45** ^c2 Sam. 14:11; 1 Kin. 1:52; Luke 21:18; Acts 27:34 ^d[2 Cor. 6:1; Phil. 2:12, 13] **14:47** ^e1 Sam. 11:1–13 ^f2 Sam. 10:6 **14:48** ⁸Ex. 17:16; 1 Sam. 15:3–7 **14:49** ^h1 Sam. 31:2; 1 Chr. 8:33 ⁱ1 Sam. 18:17–20, 27; 19:12 **14:50** ^j1 Sam. 10:14 **14:51** ^k1 Sam. 9:1, 21 **14:52** ^l1 Sam. 8:11 **15:1** ^m1 Sam. 9:16; 10:1 **15:2** ⁿEx. 17:8, 14; Num. 24:20; Deut. 25:17–19 **15:3** ^oDeut. 25:19 ^pLev. 27:28, 29; Num. 24:20; Deut. 20:16–18; Josh. 6:17–21

⁶Then Saul said to ^qthe Kenites, “Go, depart, get down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them. For ^syou showed kindness to all the children of Israel when they came up out of Egypt.” So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites. ⁷And Saul attacked the Amalekites, from “Havilah all the way to ^vShur, which is east of Egypt. ⁸”He also took Agag king of the Amalekites alive, and ^xutterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. ⁹But Saul and the people ^yspared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all *that was good*, and were unwilling to utterly destroy them. But everything despised and worthless, that they utterly destroyed.

SAUL REJECTED AS KING

¹⁰Now the word of the LORD came to Samuel, saying, ¹¹“I greatly regret that I have set up Saul as king, for he has ^aturned back from following Me, ^band has not performed My commandments.” And it ^cgrieved Samuel, and he cried out to the LORD all night. ¹²So when Samuel rose early in the morning to meet Saul, it was told Samuel, saying, “Saul went to ^dCarmel, and indeed, he set up a monument for himself; and he has gone on around, passed by, and gone down to Gilgal.” ¹³Then Samuel went to Saul, and Saul said to him, ^e“Blessed *are* you of the LORD! I have performed the commandment of the LORD.”

¹⁴But Samuel said, “What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?”

¹⁵And Saul said, “They have brought them from the Amalekites; ^ffor the

people spared the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.”

¹⁶Then Samuel said to Saul, “Be quiet! And I will tell you what the LORD said to me last night.”

And he said to him, “Speak on.”

¹⁷So Samuel said, ^g“When you *were* little in your own eyes, *were* you not head of the tribes of Israel? And did not the LORD anoint you king over Israel? ¹⁸Now the LORD sent you on a mission, and said, ‘Go, and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are ^hconsumed.’ ¹⁹Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you swoop down on the ⁱspoil, and do evil in the sight of the LORD?”

²⁰And Saul said to Samuel, ^h“But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. ²¹IⁱBut the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal.”

²²So Samuel said:

^j“Has the LORD *as great* delight
in burnt offerings
and sacrifices,
As in obeying the voice
of the LORD?
Behold, ^kto obey is better
than sacrifice,
And to heed than the fat of rams.
²³ For rebellion *is as* the sin
of ^lwitchcraft,

¹exterminated ²plunder ³divination

15:6 ^qNum. 24:21; Judg. 1:16; 4:11–22; 1 Chr. 2:55 ^rGen. 18:25; 19:12, 14; Rev. 18:4 ^sEx. 18:10, 19; Num. 10:29, 32
15:7 ^t1 Sam. 14:48 ^uGen. 2:11; 25:17, 18 ^vGen. 16:7; Ex. 15:22; 1 Sam. 27:8 **15:8** ^w1 Sam. 15:32, 33 ^x1 Sam. 27:8, 9
15:9 ^y1 Sam. 15:3, 15, 19 **15:11** ^zGen. 6:6, 7; 1 Sam. 15:35; 2 Sam. 24:16 ^{aa}Josh. 22:16; 1 Kin. 9:6 ^{bb}1 Sam. 13:13;
15:3, 9 ^{cc}1 Sam. 15:35; 16:1 **15:12** ^{ad}Josh. 15:55; 1 Sam. 25:2 **15:13** ^{ae}Gen. 14:19; Judg. 17:2; Ruth 3:10; 2 Sam. 2:5
15:15 ^{af}[Gen. 3:12, 13; Ex. 32:22, 23]; 1 Sam. 15:9, 21; [Prov. 28:13] **15:17** ^{ag}1 Sam. 9:21; 10:22 **15:20** ^{ah}1 Sam. 15:13;
[Prov. 28:13] **15:21** ^{ai}1 Sam. 15:15 **15:22** ^{aj}Ps. 50:8, 9; 51:16, 17; [Prov. 21:3; Is. 1:11–17; Jer. 7:22, 23;
Mic. 6:6–8; Heb. 10:4–10] ^{ak}[Eccl. 5:1; Hos. 6:6; Matt. 5:24; 9:13; 12:7; Mark 12:33]

And stubbornness is as
iniquity and idolatry.
Because you have rejected
the word of the LORD,
¹He also has rejected you
from *being* king.”

²⁴Then Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I ⁿfeared the people and obeyed their voice. ²⁵Now therefore, please pardon my sin, and return with me, that I may worship the LORD.”

²⁶But Samuel said to Saul, “I will not return with you, ^ofor you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel.”

²⁷And as Samuel turned around to go away, ^pSaul seized the edge of his robe, and it tore. ²⁸So Samuel said to him, ^q“The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you today, and has given it to a neighbor of yours, *who is better than you.* ²⁹And also the Strength of Israel ^rwill not lie nor relent. For He is not a man, that He should relent.”

³⁰Then he said, “I have sinned; yet ^shonor me now, please, before the elders of my people and before Israel, and return with me, that I may worship the LORD your God.” ³¹So Samuel turned back after Saul, and Saul worshiped the LORD.

³²Then Samuel said, “Bring Agag king of the Amalekites here to me.” So Agag came to him cautiously.

And Agag said, “Surely the bitterness of death is past.”

³³But Samuel said, ^t“As your sword has made women childless, so shall

your mother be childless among women.” And Samuel hacked Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.

³⁴Then Samuel went to ^uRamah, and Saul went up to his house at ^vGibeah of Saul. ³⁵And ^wSamuel went no more to see Saul until the day of his death. Nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul, and the LORD regretted that He had made Saul king over Israel.

DAVID ANOINTED KING

16 Now the LORD said to Samuel, ^x“How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? ^yFill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to ^zJesse the Bethlehemite. For ^aI have ¹provided Myself a king among his sons.”

²And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears *it*, he will kill me.”

But the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ^b‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ ³Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; you shall anoint for Me the one I name to you.”

⁴So Samuel did what the LORD said, and went to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town ^ctrembled at his coming, and said, ^d“Do you come peaceably?”

⁵And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. ^eSanctify² yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶So it was, when they came, that he looked at ^fEliab and ^gsaid, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is before Him!”

⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, ^h“Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have

¹Lit. *seen* ²Consecrate

15:23 ¹1 Sam. 13:14; 16:1 **15:24** ^mNum. 22:34; Josh. 7:20; 1 Sam. 26:21; 2 Sam. 12:13; Ps. 51:4 ⁿ[Ex. 23:2; Prov. 29:25; Is. 51:12, 13] **15:26** ^o1 Sam. 2:30 **15:27** ^p1 Kin. 11:30, 31 **15:28** ^q1 Sam. 28:17, 18; 1 Kin. 11:31 **15:29** ^rNum. 23:19; Ezek. 24:14; 2 Tim. 2:13; Titus 1:2 **15:30** ^s[John 5:44; 12:43] **15:33** ^t[Gen. 9:6]; Num. 14:45; Judg. 1:7; [Matt. 7:2] **15:34** ^u1 Sam. 7:17 ^v1 Sam. 11:4 **15:35** ^w1 Sam. 19:24 **16:1** ^x1 Sam. 15:23, 35 ^y1 Sam. 9:16; 10:1; 2 Kin. 9:1 ^zRuth 4:18–22 ^aPs. 78:70, 71; Acts 13:22 **16:2** ^b1 Sam. 9:12 **16:4** ^c1 Sam. 21:1 ^d1 Kin. 2:13; 2 Kin. 9:22 **16:5** ^eGen. 35:2; Ex. 19:10 **16:6** ^f1 Sam. 17:13, 28 ^g1 Kin. 12:26 **16:7** ^hPs. 147:10

PRAISE TO GOD FOR HIS
FAITHFULNESS AND JUSTICE

111 ¹Praise the LORD!

ⁱI will praise the LORD with
my whole heart,
In the assembly of the upright
and *in* the congregation.

- 2 ^jThe works of the LORD
are great,
^kStudied by all who have
pleasure in them.
3 His work *is* ^lhonorable
and glorious,
And His righteousness
endures forever.
4 He has made His wonderful
works to be remembered;
^mThe LORD *is* gracious and
full of compassion.
5 He has given food to those
who fear Him;
He will ever be mindful
of His covenant.
6 He has declared to His people
the power of His works,
In giving them the ²heritage
of the nations.
7 The works of His hands *are*
ⁿverity³ and justice;
All His precepts *are* sure.
8 ^oThey stand fast forever
and ever,
And *are* ^pdone in truth
and uprightness.
9 ^qHe has sent redemption
to His people;
He has commanded His
covenant forever:
^rHoly and awesome *is* His name.

10 ^sThe fear of the LORD *is* the
beginning of wisdom;

A good understanding
have all those who do
His commandments.
His praise endures forever.

THE BLESSED STATE OF
THE RIGHTEOUS

112 Praise⁴ the LORD!

Blessed *is* the man *who*
fears the LORD,
Who ^tdelights greatly in His
commandments.

- 2 ^uHis descendants will be
mighty on earth;
The generation of the upright
will be blessed.
3 ^vWealth and riches *will*
be in his house,
And his righteousness
⁵endures forever.
4 ^wUnto the upright there arises
light in the darkness;
He is gracious, and full of
compassion, and righteous.
5 ^xA good man deals graciously
and lends;
He will guide his affairs
^ywith discretion.
6 Surely he will never be shaken;
^zThe righteous will be in
everlasting remembrance.
7 ^aHe will not be afraid of evil tidings;
His heart is steadfast,
trusting in the LORD.
8 His ^bheart *is* established;
^cHe will not be afraid,
Until he ^dsees *his desire*
upon his enemies.
9 He has dispersed abroad,
He has given to the poor;

¹Heb. *Hallelujah* ²*inheritance* ³*truth*

⁴Heb. *Hallelujah* ⁵*stands*

111:1 ⁱPs. 35:18 111:2 ^jPs. 92:5 ^kPs. 143:5 111:3 ^lPs. 145:4, 5 111:4 ^m[Ps. 86:5] 111:7 ⁿ[Rev. 15:3] 111:8 ^oIs. 40:8;
Matt. 5:18 ^p[Rev. 15:3] 111:9 ^qLuke 1:68 ^rLuke 1:49 111:10 ^sJob 28:28; [Prov. 1:7; 9:10]; Eccl. 12:13 112:1 ^tPs. 128:1
112:2 ^u[Ps. 102:28] 112:3 ^vProv. 3:16; 8:18; [Matt. 6:33] 112:4 ^wJob 11:17; Ps. 97:11 112:5 ^xPs. 37:26; [Luke 6:35]
^y[Eph. 5:15; Col. 4:5] 112:6 ^zProv. 10:7 112:7 ^a[Prov. 1:33] 112:8 ^bHeb. 13:9 ^c[Ps. 27:1; 56:11];
Prov. 1:33; 3:24; [Is. 12:2] ^dPs. 59:10

His righteousness
endures forever;
His ¹horn will be exalted
with honor.

- 10 The wicked will see it
and be grieved;
He will gnash his teeth
and melt away;
The desire of the wicked
shall perish.

THE MAJESTY AND
CONDESCENSION OF GOD

113 Praise² the LORD!

^ePraise, O servants of the LORD,
Praise the name of the LORD!

- 2 ^fBlessed be the name
of the LORD
From this time forth and
forevermore!

- 3 ^gFrom the rising of the sun
to its going down
The LORD's name is to
be praised.

- 4 The LORD is ^hhigh above
all nations,
ⁱHis glory above the heavens.

- 5 ^jWho is like the LORD our God,
Who dwells on high,

- 6 ^kWho humbles Himself
to behold
The things that are in the
heavens and in the earth?

- 7 ^lHe raises the poor out
of the dust,
And lifts the ^mneedy out
of the ash heap,
8 That He may ⁿseat *him*
with princes—
With the princes of His people.

¹Strength ²Heb. *Hallelujah* ³childless ⁴who spoke
unintelligibly ⁵nations

- 9 ^oHe grants the ³barren
woman a home,
Like a joyful mother of children.

Praise the LORD!

THE POWER OF GOD IN HIS
DELIVERANCE OF ISRAEL

114 When ^pIsrael went
out of Egypt,
The house of Jacob ^qfrom a
people ⁴of strange language,

- 2 ^rJudah became His sanctuary,
And Israel His dominion.

- 3 ^sThe sea saw *it* and fled;
^tJordan turned back.

- 4 ^uThe mountains skipped
like rams,
The little hills like lambs.

- 5 ^vWhat ails you, O sea,
that you fled?
O Jordan, *that you turned back?*

- 6 O mountains, *that you*
skipped like rams?
O little hills, like lambs?

- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the
presence of the Lord,
At the presence of the
God of Jacob,

- 8 ^wWho turned the rock *into*
a pool of water,
The flint into a fountain
of waters.

THE FUTILITY OF IDOLS AND THE
TRUSTWORTHINESS OF GOD

115 Not ^xunto us, O LORD,
not unto us,

But to Your name give glory,
Because of Your mercy,
Because of Your truth.

- 2 Why should the ⁵Gentiles say,
^y“So where is their God?”

113:1 ^ePs. 135:1 113:2 ^f[Dan. 2:20] 113:3 ^gIs. 59:19; Mal. 1:11 113:4 ^hPs. 97:9; 99:2 ⁱ[Ps. 8:1] 113:5 ^jPs. 89:6; [Is. 57:15]

113:6 ^k[Ps. 11:4; Is. 57:15] 113:7 ^lSam. 2:8; Ps. 107:41 ^mPs. 72:12 113:8 ⁿ[Job 36:7] 113:9 ^o1 Sam. 2:5; Is. 54:1

114:1 ^pEx. 12:51; 13:3 ^qPs. 81:5 114:2 ^rEx. 6:7; 19:6; 25:8; 29:45, 46; Deut. 27:9 114:3 ^sEx. 14:21;

Ps. 77:16 ^tJosh. 3:13–16 114:4 ^uEx. 19:18; Judg. 5:5; Ps. 29:6; Hab. 3:6 114:5 ^vHab. 3:8

114:8 ^wEx. 17:6; Num. 20:11; Ps. 107:35 115:1 ^x[Is. 48:11];

Ezek. 36:32 115:2 ^yPs. 42:3, 10

- 3 ^zBut our God *is* in heaven;
He does whatever He pleases.
- 4 ^aTheir idols *are* silver and gold,
The work of men's hands.
- 5 They have mouths, but
they do not speak;
Eyes they have, but
they do not see;
- 6 They have ears, but they
do not hear;
Noses they have, but they
do not smell;
- 7 They have hands, but they
do not handle;
Feet they have, but they
do not walk;
Nor do they mutter through
their throat.
- 8 ^bThose who make them
are like them;
So *is* everyone who trusts in them.
- 9 ^cO Israel, trust in the LORD;
^dHe *is* their help and their shield.
- 10 O house of Aaron, trust
in the LORD;
He *is* their help and their shield.
- 11 You who fear the LORD,
trust in the LORD;
He *is* their help and their shield.
- 12 The LORD ¹has been
mindful of *us*;
He will bless *us*;
He will bless the house of Israel;
He will bless the house of Aaron.
- 13 ^eHe will bless those who
fear the LORD,
Both small and great.
- 14 May the LORD give you
increase more and more,
You and your children.
- 15 *May* you *be* ^fblessed by the LORD,
^gWho made heaven and earth.

- 16 The heaven, *even* the heavens,
are the LORD's;
But the earth He has given to
the children of men.
- 17 ^hThe dead do not praise
the LORD,
Nor any who go down
into silence.
- 18 ⁱBut we will bless the LORD
From this time forth and
forevermore.

Praise the LORD!

THANKSGIVING FOR
DELIVERANCE FROM DEATH

- 116** I ¹love the LORD, because
He has heard
My voice *and* my supplications.
- 2 Because He has inclined
His ear to me,
Therefore I will call *upon*
Him as long as I live.
- 3 ^kThe ²pains of death
surrounded me,
And the ³pangs of Sheol
⁴laid hold of me;
I found trouble and sorrow.
- 4 Then I called upon the
name of the LORD:
"O LORD, I implore You,
deliver my soul!"
- 5 ¹Gracious *is* the LORD,
and ^mrighteous;
Yes, our God *is* merciful.
- 6 The LORD preserves the simple;
I was brought low, and
He saved me.
- 7 Return to your ⁿrest, O my soul,
For ^othe LORD has dealt
bountifully with you.

¹has remembered us ²Lit. cords ³distresses
⁴Lit. found me

115:3 ^z[1 Chr. 16:26] 115:4 ^aDeut. 4:28; 2 Kin. 19:18; Is. 37:19; 44:10, 20; Jer. 10:3 115:8 ^bPs. 135:18; Is. 44:9-11
115:9 ^cPs. 118:2, 3 ^dPs. 33:20 115:13 ^ePs. 128:1, 4 115:15 ^f[Gen. 14:19] ^gGen. 1:1; Acts 14:15; Rev. 14:7
115:17 ^hPs. 6:5; 88:10-12; [Is. 38:18] 115:18 ⁱPs. 113:2; Dan. 2:20 116:1 ^jPs. 18:1 116:3 ^kPs. 18:4-6
116:5 ^l[Ps. 103:8] ^m[Ezra 9:15]; Neh. 9:8; [Ps. 119:137; 145:17; Jer. 12:1; Dan. 9:14]
116:7 ⁿ[Jer. 6:16; Matt. 11:29] ^oPs. 13:6

I will make you an eternal
excellence,
A joy of many generations.
16 You shall drink the milk
of the Gentiles,
yAnd milk the breast of kings;
You shall know that zI, the
LORD, am your Savior
And your Redeemer, the
Mighty One of Jacob.

17 “Instead of bronze I will
bring gold,
Instead of iron I will bring silver,
Instead of wood, bronze,
And instead of stones, iron.
I will also make your
officers peace,
And your magistrates
righteousness.
18 Violence shall no longer be
heard in your land,
Neither wasting nor destruction
within your borders;
But you shall call ayour
walls Salvation,
And your gates Praise.

GOD THE GLORY OF HIS PEOPLE

19 “The b sun shall no longer
be your light by day,
Nor for brightness shall the
moon give light to you;
But the LORD will be to you
an everlasting light,
And c your God your glory.
20 d Your sun shall no longer go down,
Nor shall your moon
withdraw itself;
For the LORD will be your
everlasting light,
And the days of your mourning
shall be ended.
21 e Also your people shall
all be righteous;

fThey shall inherit the
land forever,
gThe branch of My planting,
hThe work of My hands,
That I may be glorified.
22 i A little one shall become
a thousand,
And a small one a strong nation.
I, the LORD, will hasten
it in its time.”

THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION

61 “The j Spirit of the Lord
GOD is upon Me,
Because the LORD k has
anointed Me
To preach good tidings to the poor;
He has sent Me l to m heal
the brokenhearted,
To proclaim n liberty to
the captives,
And the opening of the prison
to those who are bound;
2 o To proclaim the acceptable
year of the LORD,
And p the day of vengeance
of our God;
q To comfort all who mourn,
3 To r console those who
mourn in Zion,
s To give them beauty for ashes,
The oil of joy for mourning,
The garment of praise for
the spirit of heaviness;
That they may be called trees
of righteousness,
t The planting of the LORD, u that
He may be glorified.”
4 And they shall v rebuild
the old ruins,
They shall raise up the
former desolations,

¹devastation ²Lit. bind up ³Lit. appoint

60:16 ¹Is. 49:23 ²Is. 43:3 60:18 ¹Is. 26:1 60:19 ¹Rev. 21:23; 22:5 ¹Is. 41:16; 45:25; Zech. 2:5 60:20 ¹Amos 8:9
60:21 ¹Is. 52:1; Rev. 21:27 ¹Ps. 37:11; Matt. 5:5 ¹Is. 61:3; [Matt. 15:13; John 15:2] ¹Is. 29:23; [Eph. 2:10]
60:22 ¹Matt. 13:31, 32 61:1 ¹Is. 11:2; Matt. 3:17; Luke 4:18, 19; John 1:32; 3:34 ¹Ps. 45:7; Matt. 11:5;
Luke 7:22 ¹Ps. 147:3 ¹Is. 42:7; [Acts 10:43] 61:2 ¹Lev. 25:9 ¹Is. 34:8; Mal. 4:1, 3; [2 Thess. 1:7]
¹Ps. 57:18; Jer. 31:13; Matt. 5:4 61:3 ¹Ps. 30:11 ¹Is. 60:21; [Jer. 17:7, 8] ¹[John 15:8]
61:4 ¹Is. 49:8; 58:12; Ezek. 36:33; Amos 9:14

- And they shall repair the
ruined cities,
The desolations of many
generations.
- 5 “Strangers shall stand and
feed your flocks,
And the sons of the foreigner
Shall be your plowmen and
your vinedressers.
- 6 ^vBut you shall be named the
priests of the LORD,
They shall call you the
servants of our God.
^wYou shall eat the riches
of the Gentiles,
And in their glory you
shall boast.
- 7 ^xInstead of your shame *you
shall have double honor*,
And *instead of* confusion they
shall rejoice in their portion.
Therefore in their land they
shall possess double;
Everlasting joy shall be theirs.
- 8 “For ^yI, the LORD, love justice;
^zI hate robbery ¹for burnt offering;
I will direct their work in truth,
^aAnd will make with them an
everlasting covenant.
- 9 Their descendants shall be
known among the Gentiles,
And their offspring
among the people.
All who see them shall
acknowledge them,
^bThat they *are* the posterity *whom*
the LORD has blessed.”
- 10 ^cI will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
My soul shall be joyful
in my God;
For ^dHe has clothed me with
the garments of salvation,

¹Or *in* ²keep silent ³Heb. *Azubah* ⁴Heb. *Shemamah*
⁵Lit. *My Delight Is in Her* ⁶Lit. *Married*

He has covered me with the
robe of righteousness,
^eAs a bridegroom decks *himself*
with ornaments,
And as a bride adorns *herself*
with her jewels.

11 For as the earth brings
forth its bud,
As the garden causes the
things that are sown
in it to spring forth,
So the Lord GOD will cause
^frighteousness and
^gpraise to spring forth
before all the nations.

ASSURANCE OF ZION'S SALVATION

- 62** For Zion's sake I will
not ²hold My peace,
And for Jerusalem's sake
I will not rest,
Until her righteousness goes
forth as brightness,
And her salvation as a
lamp *that* burns.
- 2 ^hThe Gentiles shall see your
righteousness,
And all ⁱkings your glory.
^jYou shall be called by
a new name,
Which the mouth of the
LORD will name.
- 3 You shall also be ^ka
crown of glory
In the hand of the LORD,
And a royal diadem
In the hand of your God.
- 4 ^lYou shall no longer be
termed ^mForsaken,³
Nor shall your land any more
be termed ⁿDesolate;⁴
But you shall be called
⁵Hephzibah, and your
land ⁶Beulah;
For the LORD delights in you,
And your land shall be married.

61:5 ⁴[Eph. 2:12] 61:6 ^vEx. 19:6 ^wIs. 60:5, 11 61:7 ^xIs. 40:2; Zech. 9:12 61:8 ^yPs. 11:7 ^zIs. 1:11, 13 ^aGen. 17:7; Ps. 105:10;
Is. 55:3; Jer. 32:40 61:9 ^bIs. 65:23 61:10 ^cHab. 3:18 ^dPs. 132:9, 16 ^eIs. 49:18; Rev. 21:2 61:11 ^fPs. 72:3; 85:11
^gIs. 60:18; 62:7 62:2 ^hIs. 60:3 ⁱPs. 102:15, 16; 138:4, 5; 148:11, 13 ^jIs. 62:4, 12; 65:15 62:3 ^kIs. 28:5;
Zech. 9:16; 1 Thess. 2:19 62:4 ^lHos. 1:10; 1 Pet. 2:10 ^mIs. 49:14; 54:6, 7 ⁿIs. 54:1

- 5 For as a young man
marries a virgin,
So shall your sons marry you;
And as the bridegroom
rejoices over the bride,
°So shall your God rejoice
over you.
- 6 °I have set watchmen on your
walls, O Jerusalem;
They shall ¹never hold their
peace day or night.
You who ²make mention of the
LORD, do not keep silent,
- 7 And give Him no rest till
He establishes
And till He makes Jerusalem
³a praise in the earth.
- 8 The LORD has sworn by
His right hand
And by the arm of His strength:
“Surely I will no longer
⁴give your grain
As food for your enemies;
And the sons of the
foreigner shall not
drink your new wine,
For which you have labored.
- 9 But those who have gathered
it shall eat it,
And praise the LORD;
Those who have brought it
together shall drink it
⁵in My holy courts.”
- 10 Go through,
Go through the gates!
⁶Prepare the way for the people;
Build up,
Build up the highway!
Take out the stones,
“Lift up a banner for the peoples!
- 11 Indeed the LORD has proclaimed
To the end of the world:

- °“Say to the daughter of Zion,
‘Surely your salvation is coming;
Behold, His ⁷reward
is with Him,
And His ⁸work before Him.’ ”
- 12 And they shall call them
The Holy People,
The Redeemed of the LORD;
And you shall be called
Sought Out,
A City Not Forsaken.

THE LORD IN JUDGMENT
AND SALVATION

- 63** Who is this who comes
from Edom,
With dyed garments
from Bozrah,
This *One who is* ¹glorious
in His apparel,
Traveling in the greatness
of His strength?—

“I who speak in righteousness,
mighty to save.”

- 2 Why ²is Your apparel red,
And Your garments like one who
treads in the winepress?
- 3 “I have ³trodden the
winepress alone,
And from the peoples no
one *was* with Me.
For I have trodden them
in My anger,
And trampled them in My fury;
Their blood is sprinkled
upon My garments,
And I have stained all My robes.
- 4 For the ⁴day of vengeance
is in My heart,
And the year of My
redeemed has come.

¹not be silent ²remember ³recompense ⁴Or adorned

62:5 °Is. 65:19 62:6 PIs. 52:8; Jer. 6:17; Ezek. 3:17; 33:7 62:7 ¶Is. 60:18; 61:11; Jer. 33:9; Zeph. 3:19, 20 62:8 ¶Lev. 26:16; Deut. 28:31, 33; Judg. 6:3-6; Is. 1:7; Jer. 5:17 62:9 ¶Deut. 12:12; 14:23, 26 62:10 ¶Is. 40:3; 57:14 ¶Is. 11:12 62:11 ¶Zech. 9:9; Matt. 21:5; John 12:15 ¶Is. 40:10; [Rev. 22:12] 63:2 ¶[Rev. 19:13, 15] 63:3 ¶Lam. 1:15; Rev. 14:19, 20; 19:15 63:4 ¶Is. 34:8; 35:4; 61:2; Jer. 51:6

- 5 ^aI looked, but ^bthere was
no one to help,
And I wondered
That *there was* no one to uphold;
Therefore My own ^carm
brought salvation for Me;
And My own fury, it
sustained Me.
- 6 I have trodden down the
peoples in My anger,
Made them drunk in My fury,
And brought down their
strength to the earth.”

GOD'S MERCY REMEMBERED

- 7 I will mention the
lovingkindnesses of the LORD
And the praises of the LORD,
According to all that the LORD
has bestowed on us,
And the great goodness toward
the house of Israel,
Which He has bestowed on them
according to His mercies,
According to the multitude of
His lovingkindnesses.
- 8 For He said, “Surely they
are My people,
Children *who* will not lie.”
So He became their Savior.
- 9 ^dIn all their affliction He
was ^eafflicted,
^eAnd the Angel of His
Presence saved them;
^fIn His love and in His pity
He redeemed them;
And ^gHe bore them and
carried them
All the days of old.
- 10 But they ^hrebelled and
ⁱgrieved His Holy Spirit;
^jSo He turned Himself against
them as an enemy,
And He fought against them.

- 11 Then he ^kremembered
the days of old,
Moses *and* his people, *saying*:
“Where is He who ^lbrought
them up out of the sea
With the ^mshepherd of His flock?
^mWhere is He who put His Holy
Spirit within them,
12 Who led *them* by the right
hand of Moses,
ⁿWith His glorious arm,
^oDividing the water before them
To make for Himself an
everlasting name,
13 ^pWho led them through the deep,
As a horse in the wilderness,
That they might not stumble?”
- 14 As a beast goes down
into the valley,
And the Spirit of the LORD
causes him to rest,
So You lead Your people,
^qTo make Yourself a glorious name.

A PRAYER OF PENITENCE

- 15 ^rLook down from heaven,
And see ^sfrom Your habitation,
holy and glorious.
Where *are* Your zeal and
Your strength,
The yearning ^tof Your heart and
Your mercies toward me?
Are they restrained?
- 16 “Doubtless You *are* our Father,
Though Abraham ^vwas
ignorant of us,
And Israel does not
acknowledge us.
You, O LORD, *are* our Father;
Our Redeemer from Everlasting
is Your name.
- 17 O LORD, why have You ^wmade
us stray from Your ways,
And hardened our heart
from Your fear?

¹Kt., LXX, Syr. *not afflicted* ²Mt, Vg. *shepherds*

63:5 ^aIs. 41:28; 59:16 ^b[John 16:32] ^cPs. 98:1; Is. 59:16 63:9 ^dJudg. 10:16 ^eEx. 14:19 ^fDeut. 7:7 ^gEx. 19:4
63:10 ^hEx. 15:24 ⁱNum. 14:11; Ps. 78:40; Acts 7:51; 1 Cor. 10:1–11 ^jEx. 23:21; Ps. 106:40 63:11 ^kPs. 106:44, 45
^lEx. 14:30 ^mNum. 11:17, 25, 29; Hag. 2:5 63:12 ⁿEx. 15:6 ^oEx. 14:21, 22; Josh. 3:16; Is. 11:15; 51:10
63:13 ^pPs. 106:9 63:14 ^q2 Sam. 7:23 63:15 ^rDeut. 26:15; Ps. 80:14 ^sPs. 33:14 ^tJer. 31:20;
Hos. 11:8 63:16 ^uDeut. 32:6 ^vJob 14:21 63:17 ^wIs. 6:9, 10; John 12:40

Return for Your servants' sake,
The tribes of Your inheritance.
18 ^xYour holy people have possessed
it but a little while;
^yOur adversaries have trodden
down Your sanctuary.
19 We have become *like* those
of old, over whom
You never ruled,
Those who were never
called by Your name.

64 Oh, that You would
¹rend the heavens!
That You would come down!
That the mountains might
shake at Your ²presence—
2 As fire burns brushwood,
As fire causes water to boil—
To make Your name known
to Your adversaries,
That the nations may tremble
at Your presence!
3 When ^aYou did awesome things
for which we did not look,
You came down,
The mountains shook at
Your presence.
4 For since the beginning
of the world
^bMen have not heard nor
perceived by the ear,
Nor has the eye seen any
God besides You,
Who acts for the one who
waits for Him.
5 You meet him who rejoices
and does righteousness,
Who remembers You
in Your ways.
You are indeed angry, for
we have sinned—
^cIn these ways we continue;
And we need to be saved.
6 But we are all like an
unclean *thing*,

And all ^dour righteousnesses
are like ²filthy rags;
We all ^efade as a leaf,
And our iniquities, like the wind,
Have taken us away.
7 And *there* is no one who
calls on Your name,
Who stirs himself up to
take hold of You;
For You have hidden Your
face from us,
And have ³consumed us
because of our iniquities.
8 But now, O LORD,
You *are* our Father;
We *are* the clay, and
You our ^fpotter;
And all we *are* the work
of Your hand.
9 Do not be furious, O LORD,
Nor remember iniquity forever;
Indeed, please look—we
all *are* Your people!
10 Your holy cities are a wilderness,
Zion is a wilderness,
Jerusalem a desolation.
11 Our holy and beautiful ⁴temple,
Where our fathers praised You,
Is burned up with fire;
And all ⁹our pleasant things
⁵are laid waste.
12 ^hWill You restrain Yourself
because of these
things, O LORD?
ⁱWill You ⁶hold Your peace, and
afflict us very severely?

THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF
GOD'S JUDGMENT

65 "I was ^jsought by *those*
who did not ask for Me;
I was found by *those who*
did not seek Me.
I said, 'Here I am, here I am,'

¹tear open ²Lit. a filthy garment ³Lit. caused us to
melt ⁴Lit. house ⁵have become a ruin ⁶keep silent

63:18 ^xDeut. 7:6 ^yPs. 74:3-7; Is. 64:11 64:1 ²Ex. 19:18; Ps. 18:9; 144:5; Mic. 1:3, 4; [Hab. 3:13] 64:3 ^aEx. 34:10
64:4 ^bPs. 31:19 64:5 ^cMal. 3:6 64:6 ^d[Phil. 3:9] ^ePs. 90:5, 6; Is. 1:30 64:8 ^fIs. 29:16; 45:9; Jer. 18:6;
[Rom. 9:20, 21] 64:11 ^gEzek. 24:21 64:12 ^hIs. 42:14 ⁱPs. 83:1 65:1 ^jRom. 9:24; 10:20

To a nation *that*^k was not called by My name.
 2 I have stretched out My hands all day long to a^m rebellious people, Whoⁿ walk in a way *that* is not good, According to their own thoughts;
 3 A people^o who provoke Me to anger continually to My face; ^pWho sacrifice in gardens, And burn incense on altars of brick;
 4 ^qWho sit among the graves, And spend the night in the tombs; ^rWho eat swine's flesh, And the broth of ^sabominable things is *in* their vessels;
 5 ^sWho say, 'Keep to yourself, Do not come near me, For I am holier than you!' These ^tare smoke in My nostrils, A fire that burns all the day.
 6 "Behold, ^u*it is written before Me:* ^vI will not keep silence, ^wbut will repay— Even repay into their bosom—
 7 Your iniquities and ^x"the iniquities of your fathers together," Says the LORD, ^y"Who have burned incense on the mountains ^zAnd blasphemed Me on the hills; Therefore I will measure their former work into their bosom."
 8 Thus says the LORD:
 "As the new wine is found in the cluster,

And *one* says, 'Do not destroy it, For ^aa blessing is in it,' So will I do for My servants' sake, That I may not destroy them ^aall.
 9 I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, And from Judah an heir of My mountains; My ^belect shall inherit it, And My servants shall dwell there.
 10 ^cSharon shall be a fold of flocks, And ^dthe Valley of Achor a place for herds to lie down, For My people who have ^esought Me.
 11 "But you *are* those who forsake the LORD, Who forget ^fMy holy mountain, Who prepare ^ga table for ^hGad, And who furnish a drink offering for ⁱMeni.
 12 Therefore I will number you for the sword, And you shall all bow down to the slaughter; ^hBecause, when I called, you did not answer; When I spoke, you did not hear, But did evil before My eyes, And chose *that* in which I do not delight."
 13 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:
 "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,

¹Unclean meats, Lev. 7:18; 19:7 ²Cause My wrath to smoke ³Lit. *Troop* or *Fortune*; a pagan deity ⁴Lit. *Number* or *Destiny*; a pagan deity

65:1 ^kIs. 63:19 65:2 ^lRom. 10:21 ^mIs. 1:2, 23 ⁿIs. 42:24 65:3 ^oDeut. 32:21 ^pIs. 1:29 65:4 ^qDeut. 18:11 ^rLev. 11:7; Is. 66:17 65:5 ^sMatt. 9:11; Luke 7:39; 18:9–12 65:6 ^tDeut. 32:34 ^uPs. 50:3 ^vPs. 79:12 65:7 ^wEx. 20:5 ^xEzek. 18:6 ^yIs. 57:7; Ezek. 20:27, 28 65:8 ^zJoel 2:14 ^aIs. 1:9; Amos 9:8, 9 65:9 ^bMatt. 24:22 65:10 ^cIs. 33:9 ^dJosh. 7:24; Hos. 2:15 ^eIs. 55:6 65:11 ^fIs. 56:7 ^gEzek. 23:41; [1 Cor. 10:21] 65:12 ^h2 Chr. 36:15, 16; Prov. 1:24; Is. 41:28; 50:2; 66:4; Jer. 7:13

But you shall cry for
sorrow of heart,
And ¹wail for ¹grief of spirit.
15 You shall leave your name ¹as
a curse to ^kMy chosen;
For the Lord GOD will slay you,
And ¹call His servants by
another name;
16 ^mSo that he who blesses
himself in the earth
Shall bless himself in
the God of truth;
And ⁿhe who swears in the earth
Shall swear by the God of truth;
Because the former troubles
are forgotten,
And because they are
hidden from My eyes.

THE GLORIOUS NEW CREATION

17 “For behold, I create ^onew
heavens and a new earth;
And the former shall not
be remembered or
²come to mind.
18 But be glad and rejoice
forever in what I create;
For behold, I create Jerusalem
as a rejoicing,
And her people a joy.
19 ^pI will rejoice in Jerusalem,
And joy in My people;
The ^qvoice of weeping shall no
longer be heard in her,
Nor the voice of crying.

20 “No more shall an infant from
there *live but a few days*,
Nor an old man who has
not fulfilled his days;
For the child shall die one
hundred years old,
¹But the sinner *being* one
hundred years old
shall be accursed.

21 ^sThey shall build houses
and inhabit *them*;
They shall plant vineyards
and eat their fruit.
22 They shall not build and
another inhabit;
They shall not plant and
¹another eat;
For ^uas the days of a tree, *so shall*
be the days of My people,
And ^vMy elect shall long enjoy
the work of their hands.
23 They shall not labor in vain,
^wNor bring forth children
for trouble;
For ^xthey *shall be* the
descendants of the
blessed of the LORD,
And their offspring with them.

24 “It shall come to pass
That ^ybefore they call,
I will answer;
And while they are still
speaking, I will ^zhear.
25 The ^awolf and the lamb
shall feed together,
The lion shall eat straw like the ox,
^bAnd dust *shall be* the
serpent’s food.
They shall not hurt nor destroy
in all My holy mountain,”
Says the LORD.

TRUE WORSHIP AND FALSE

66 Thus says the LORD:

“Heaven is My throne,
And earth is My footstool.
Where is the house that
you will build Me?
And where is the place
of My rest?

¹Or a broken spirit ²Lit. come upon the heart

65:14 ⁱMatt. 8:12; Luke 13:28 65:15 ^jJer. 29:22; Zech. 8:13 ^kIs. 65:9, 22 ^l[Acts 11:26] 65:16 ^mPs. 72:17; Jer. 4:2 ⁿDeut. 6:13; Zeph. 1:5 65:17 ^oIs. 51:16; 66:22; [2 Pet. 3:13]; Rev. 21:1 65:19 ^pIs. 62:4, 5 ^qIs. 35:10; 51:11; Rev. 7:17; 21:4 65:20 ^rEccl. 8:12, 13; Is. 3:11; 22:14 65:21 ^sEzek. 28:26; 45:4; Hos. 11:11; Amos 9:14 65:22 ^tIs. 62:8, 9 ^uPs. 92:12 ^vIs. 65:9, 15 65:23 ^wHos. 9:12 ^xIs. 61:9; [Jer. 32:38, 39; Acts 2:39] 65:24 ^yPs. 91:15; Is. 58:9 ^zIs. 30:19; Dan. 9:20-23 65:25 ^aIs. 11:6-9 ^bGen. 3:14; Mic. 7:17 66:1 ^c1 Kin. 8:27; 2 Chr. 6:18; Ps. 11:4; Matt. 5:34; Acts 17:24

- 2 For all those *things* My hand has made,
And all those *things* exist,”
Says the LORD.
^d“But on this *one* will I look:
^eOn *him* who is poor and of
a contrite spirit,
And who trembles at My word.
- 3 “He^f who kills a bull *is as*
if he slays a man;
He who sacrifices a lamb, *as if*
he ^gbreaks a dog’s neck;
He who offers a grain offering,
as if he offers swine’s blood;
He who burns incense, *as*
if he blesses an idol.
Just as they have chosen
their own ways,
And their soul delights in
their abominations,
- 4 So will I choose their delusions,
And bring their fears on them;
^hBecause, when I called,
no one answered,
When I spoke they did not hear;
But they did evil before My eyes,
And chose *that* in which
I do not delight.”

THE LORD VINDICATES ZION

- 5 Hear the word of the LORD,
You who tremble at His word:
“Your brethren who ^hhated you,
Who cast you out for My
name’s sake, said,
^jLet the LORD be glorified,
That ^kwe may see your joy.’
But they shall be ashamed.”
- 6 The sound of noise from the city!
A voice from the temple!
The voice of the LORD,
Who fully repays His enemies!
- 7 “Before she was in labor,
she gave birth;

- Before her pain came,
She delivered a male child.
8 Who has heard such a thing?
Who has seen such things?
Shall the earth be made to
give birth in one day?
Or shall a nation be born at once?
For as soon as Zion was in labor,
She gave birth to her children.
- 9 Shall I bring to the time of
birth, and not cause
delivery?” says the LORD.
“Shall I who cause delivery shut
up *the womb*?” says your God.
- 10 “Rejoice with Jerusalem,
And be glad with her, all
you who love her;
Rejoice for joy with her, all
you who mourn for her;
- 11 That you may feed and
be satisfied
With the consolation
of her bosom,
That you may drink deeply
and be delighted
With the abundance of her glory.”

12 For thus says the LORD:

“Behold, ⁱI will extend peace
to her like a river,
And the glory of the Gentiles
like a flowing stream.
Then you shall ^mfeed;
On *her* sides shall you
be ⁿcarried,
And be dandled on *her* knees.

13 As one whom his mother
comforts,
So I will ^ocomfort you;
And you shall be comforted
in Jerusalem.”

THE REIGN AND
INDIGNATION OF GOD

- 14 When you see *this*, your
heart shall rejoice,

66:2 ^dPs. 34:18; [Is. 57:15; 61:1; Matt. 5:3, 4; Luke 18:13, 14] ^ePs. 34:18; 51:17 66:3 ^f[Is. 1:10–17; 58:1–7; Mic. 6:7, 8]
^gDeut. 23:18 66:4 ^hProv. 1:24; Is. 65:12; Jer. 7:13 66:5 ⁱPs. 38:20; Is. 60:15; [Luke 6:22, 23] ^jIs. 5:19 ^k[2 Thess. 1:10;
Titus 2:13] 66:12 ^lIs. 48:18; 60:5 ^mIs. 60:16 ⁿIs. 49:22; 60:4 66:13 ^oIs. 51:3; [2 Cor. 1:3, 4]

- And ^pyour bones shall flourish like grass;
The hand of the LORD shall be known to His servants,
And *His* indignation to His enemies.
- 15 ^qFor behold, the LORD 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 ^rHis sword
The LORD will judge all flesh;
And the slain of the LORD shall be ^smany.
- 17 “Those^t who sanctify themselves
and purify themselves,
To go to the gardens
¹After an *idol* in the midst,
Eating swine’s flesh and the abomination and the mouse,
Shall ²be consumed together,”
says the LORD.
- 18 “For I *know* their works and their ^uthoughts. It shall be that I will ^vgather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and see My glory. ¹⁹^wI will set a sign among them; and those among them who escape I will send to the nations: *to* Tarshish and ³Pul and Lud, who draw the bow, and Tubal and Javan, *to* the coastlands afar off who have not heard My fame nor
- seen My glory. ^xAnd they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles. ²⁰Then they shall ^ybring all your brethren ²for an offering to the LORD out of all nations, on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem,” says the LORD, “as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD. ²¹And I will also take some of them for ^qpriests *and* Levites,” says the LORD.
- 22 “For as ^bthe new heavens and the new earth
Which I will make shall remain before Me,” says the LORD,
“So shall your descendants and your name remain.
- 23 And ^cit shall come to pass
That from one New Moon to another,
And from one Sabbath to another,
^dAll flesh shall come to worship before Me,” says the LORD.
- 24 “And they shall go forth and look
Upon the corpses of the men
Who have transgressed against Me.
For their ^eworm does not die,
And their fire is not quenched.
They shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.”
- ¹Lit. *After one* ²*come to an end* ³So with MT, Tg.; LXX Put (cf. Jer. 46:9)

66:14 ^pEzek. 37:1 66:15 ^qIs. 9:5; [2 Thess. 1:8] 66:16 ^rIs. 27:1 ^sIs. 34:6 66:17 ^tIs. 65:3–8 66:18 ^uIs. 59:7
^vIs. 45:22–25; Jer. 3:17 66:19 ^wLuke 2:34 ^xMal. 1:11 66:20 ^yIs. 49:22 ^zIs. 18:7; [Rom. 15:16]
66:21 ¹Ex. 19:6; Is. 61:6; 1 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 1:6 66:22 ^bIs. 65:17; Heb. 12:26, 27; 2 Pet. 3:13;
Rev. 21:1 66:23 ^cZech. 14:16 ^dZech. 14:17–21 66:24 ^eIs. 14:11; Mark 9:44, 46, 48

was put outside, He went in and ^ytook her by the hand, and the girl arose. ²⁶And the ^zreport of this went out into all that land.

TWO BLIND MEN HEALED

²⁷When Jesus departed from there, ^atwo blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, ^b“Son of David, have mercy on us!”

²⁸And when He had come into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, “**Do you believe that I am able to do this?**”

They said to Him, “Yes, Lord.”

²⁹Then He touched their eyes, saying, “**According to your faith let it be to you.**” ³⁰And their eyes were opened. And Jesus sternly warned them, saying, “**See that no one knows it.**” ³¹^dBut when they had departed, they ¹spread the news about Him in all that ²country.

A MUTE MAN SPEAKS

³²^eAs they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. ³³And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, “It was never seen like this in Israel!”

³⁴But the Pharisees said, ^f“He casts out demons by the ruler of the demons.”

THE COMPASSION OF JESUS

³⁵Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, ⁹teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness

¹Lit. *made Him known* ²Lit. *land* ³NU omits *among the people* ⁴NU, M *harassed* ⁵NU omits *Lebbaeus, whose surname was* ⁶NU *Cananaean* ⁷*has drawn near* ⁸NU *raise the dead, cleanse the lepers* ⁹M omits *raise the dead*

and every disease ³among the people. ³⁶^hBut when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were ⁴wearied and scattered, ⁱlike sheep having no shepherd. ³⁷Then He said to His disciples, ^j“**The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few.** ³⁸^kTherefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

THE TWELVE APOSTLES

10 And ^lwhen He had called His twelve disciples to *Him*, He gave them power *over* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. ²Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, ^mwho is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the *son* of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the *son* of Alphaeus, and ⁵Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; ⁴ⁿSimon the ⁶Cananite, and Judas ^oIscaiot, who also betrayed Him.

SENDING OUT THE TWELVE

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: ^p“**Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of ^qthe Samaritans.** ⁶^rBut go rather to the ⁵lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷^sAnd as you go, preach, saying, “The kingdom of heaven ⁷is at hand.” ⁸Heal the sick, ⁸cleanse the lepers, ⁹raise the dead, cast out demons. ^vFreely you have received, freely give. ⁹^wProvide neither gold nor silver nor ^xcopper in your money belts, ¹⁰^tnor bag for *your* journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor staffs; ^yfor a worker is worthy of his food.

9:25 ^yMatt. 8:3, 15; Mark 1:31 **9:26** ^zMatt. 4:24; Mark 1:28, 45; Luke 4:14, 37; 5:15; 7:17 **9:27** ^aMatt. 20:29–34 ^bMatt. 15:22; Mark 10:47; Luke 18:38, 39 **9:30** ^cMatt. 8:4; Luke 5:14 **9:31** ^dMark 7:36 **9:32** ^eMatt. 12:22, 24; Luke 11:14 **9:34** ^fMatt. 12:24; Mark 3:22; Luke 11:15; John 7:20 **9:35** ^gMatt. 4:23 **9:36** ^hMark 6:34 ⁱNum. 27:17; 1 Kin. 22:17; Ezek. 34:5; Zech. 10:2; Mark 6:34 **9:37** ^jLuke 10:2; John 4:35 **9:38** ^k[Matt. 28:19, 20; Eph. 4:11, 12]; 2 Thess. 3:1 **10:1** ^lMark 3:13; Luke 6:13 **10:2** ^mJohn 1:42 **10:4** ⁿLuke 6:15; Acts 1:13 ^oMatt. 26:14; Luke 22:3; John 13:2, 26 **10:5** ^pMatt. 4:15 ^q2 Kin. 17:24; Luke 9:52; 10:33; 17:16; John 4:9 **10:6** ^rMatt. 15:24; Acts 13:46 ^sIs. 53:6; Jer. 50:6 **10:7** ^tLuke 9:2 ^uMatt. 3:2; Luke 10:9 **10:8** ^v[Acts 8:18] **10:9** ^w1 Sam. 9:7; Mark 6:8 ^xMark 6:8 **10:10** ^yLuke 10:7; [1 Cor. 9:4–14]; 1 Tim. 5:18

11^z“Now whatever city or town you enter, inquire who in it is worthy, and stay there till you go out. **12**And when you go into a household, greet it. **13**^aIf the household is worthy, let your peace come upon it. ^bBut if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. **14**^cAnd whoever will not receive you nor hear your words, when you depart from that house or city, ^dshake off the dust from your feet. **15**Assuredly, I say to you, ^eit will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!

PERSECUTIONS ARE COMING

16^f“Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. ^gTherefore be wise as serpents and ^hharmless¹ as doves. **17**But beware of men, for ⁱthey will deliver you up to councils and ^jscourge you in their synagogues. **18**^kYou will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. **19**^lBut when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For ^mit will be given to you in that hour what you should speak; **20**ⁿfor it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.

21^o“Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father ^phis child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. **22**And ^qyou will be hated by all for My name’s sake. ^rBut he who endures to the end will be saved. **23**^rWhen they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I

say to you, you will not have ^sgone through the cities of Israel ^tbefore the Son of Man comes.

24^u“A disciple is not above *his* teacher, nor a servant above his master. **25**It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If ^vthey have called the master of the house ²Beelzebul, how much more *will they call* those of his household! **26**Therefore do not fear them. ^wFor there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.

JESUS TEACHES THE FEAR OF GOD

27“Whatever I tell you in the dark, ^xspeak in the light; and what you hear in the ear, preach on the rooftops. **28**^yAnd do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather ^zfear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in ³hell. **29**Are not two ^asparrows sold for a ⁴copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will. **30**^bBut the very hairs of your head are all numbered. **31**Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

CONFESS CHRIST BEFORE MEN

32“Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, ^dhim I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. **33**^eBut whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.

¹innocent ²NU, M *Beelzebul*; a Philistine deity, 2 Kin. 1:2, 3 ³Gr. *Gehenna* ⁴Gr. *assarion*, a coin worth about 1/16 of a denarius

10:11 ^zLuke 10:8 **10:13** ^aLuke 10:5 ^bPs. 35:13 **10:14** ^cMark 6:11; Luke 9:5 ^dNeh. 5:13; Luke 10:10, 11; Acts 13:51 **10:15** ^eMatt. 11:22, 24 **10:16** ^fLuke 10:3 ^g2 Cor. 12:16; Eph. 5:15; Col. 4:5 ^h[Phil. 2:14–16] **10:17** ⁱMatt. 23:34; Mark 13:9; Luke 12:11 ^jActs 5:40; 22:19; 26:11 **10:18** ^kActs 12:1; 2 Tim. 4:16 **10:19** ^lMark 13:11; Luke 12:11, 12; 21:14, 15 ^mEx. 4:12; Jer. 1:7 **10:20** ⁿ2 Sam. 23:2; [2 Tim. 4:17] **10:21** ^oMic. 7:6; Luke 21:16 **10:22** ^pMatt. 24:9; Luke 21:17; John 15:18 ^q[Dan. 12:12]; Matt. 24:13; Mark 13:13 **10:23** ^rMatt. 2:13; Acts 8:1 ^s[Matt. 24:14; Mark 13:10] ^tMatt. 16:28 **10:24** ^uLuke 6:40; John 15:20 **10:25** ^vMark 3:22; Luke 11:15, 18, 19; John 8:48, 52 **10:26** ^wMark 4:22; Luke 8:17; 12:2, 3; [1 Cor. 4:5] **10:27** ^xLuke 12:3; Acts 5:20 **10:28** ^yLuke 12:4; [1 Pet. 3:14] ^zIs. 8:13; Matt. 5:22; Luke 12:5 **10:29** ^aLuke 12:6, 7 **10:30** ^b1 Sam. 14:45; 2 Sam. 14:11; 1 Kin. 1:52; Luke 21:18; Acts 27:34 **10:32** ^cPs. 119:46; Luke 12:8; [Rom. 10:9] ^d[Rev. 3:5] **10:33** ^e[Mark 8:38; Luke 9:26]; 2 Tim. 2:12

CHRIST BRINGS DIVISION

^{34f}“Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to ^g‘set’ a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law’; ³⁶and ^h‘a man’s enemies will be those of his own household.’ ³⁷‘He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁸And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁹‘He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

A CUP OF COLD WATER

⁴⁰“He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. ⁴¹‘He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. ⁴²‘And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward.”

JOHN THE BAPTIST SENDS
MESSENGERS TO JESUS

11 Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to ^oteach and to preach in their cities. ²And when John had heard ^qin prison about the works of Christ, he

¹alienate a man from ²NU sent by his

²sent two of his disciples ³and said to Him, “Are You ‘the Coming One, or do we look for another?”

⁴Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: ⁵*The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and ‘the poor have the gospel preached to them.* ⁶And blessed is he who is not “offended because of Me.”

⁷As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? ⁸A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses. ⁹But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, ^xand more than a prophet. ¹⁰For this is *he* of whom it is written:

*‘Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,
Who will prepare Your way before You.’*

¹¹“Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. ¹²And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. ¹⁴And if you are willing to receive *it*, he is ^bElijah who is to come. ¹⁵‘He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

¹⁶“But to what shall I liken this generation? It is like children sitting

10:34 ^f[Luke 12:49] **10:35** ^gMic. 7:6; Matt. 10:21; Luke 12:53 **10:36** ^hPs. 41:9; 55:13; John 13:18 **10:37** ⁱDeut. 33:9; Luke 14:26 **10:38** ^j[Matt. 16:24; Mark 8:34; Luke 9:23; 14:27] **10:39** ^kMatt. 16:25; Mark 8:35; Luke 9:24; 17:33; John 12:25 **10:40** ^lMark 9:37; Luke 9:48; John 12:44; Gal. 4:14 **10:41** ^m1 Kin. 17:10; 2 Kin. 4:8 **10:42** ⁿ[Matt. 25:40]; Mark 9:41; Heb. 6:10 **11:1** ^oMatt. 9:35; Luke 23:5 **11:2** ^pLuke 7:18–35 ^qMatt. 4:12; 14:3; Mark 6:17; Luke 9:7 **11:3** ^rGen. 49:10; Num. 24:17; Deut. 18:15, 18; Dan. 9:24; John 6:14 **11:5** ^sIs. 29:18; 35:4–6; John 2:23 ^tPs. 22:26; Is. 61:1; Luke 4:18; James 2:5 **11:6** ^uIs. 8:14, 15; [Rom. 9:32]; 1 Pet. 2:8 **11:7** ^vLuke 7:24 ^w[Eph. 4:14] **11:9** ^xMatt. 14:5; 21:26; Luke 1:76; 20:6 **11:10** ^yMal. 3:1; Mark 1:2; Luke 1:76 **11:12** ^zLuke 16:16 **11:13** ^aMal. 4:4–6 **11:14** ^bMal. 4:5; Matt. 17:10–13; Mark 9:11–13; Luke 1:17; John 1:21 **11:15** ^cMatt. 13:9; Luke 8:8; Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13 **11:16** ^dLuke 7:31

in the marketplaces and calling to their companions,¹⁷ and saying:

‘We played the flute for you,
And you did not dance;
We mourned to you,
And you did not¹lament.’

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’¹⁹The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a²winebibber, ^ea friend of tax collectors and sinners!’^fBut wisdom is justified by her³children.”

WOE TO THE IMPENITENT CITIES

^{20g}Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent:²¹ “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago^h in sackcloth and ashes.²² But I say to you, ⁱit will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you.²³ And you, Capernaum, ^jwho⁴ are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.²⁴ But I say to you ^kthat it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you.”

JESUS GIVES TRUE REST

²⁵At that time Jesus answered and said, “I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that ^mYou have hidden these things from *the* wise and prudentⁿ and have revealed them

to babes.²⁶ Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Your sight.^{27o} All things have been delivered to Me by My Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father.^p Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and *the one* to whom the Son wills to reveal *Him*.²⁸ Come to ^qMe, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.²⁹ Take My yoke upon you^r and learn from Me, for I am ^sgentle and ^slowly in heart, ^tand you will find rest for your souls.^{30u} “For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

JESUS IS LORD OF THE SABBATH

12 At that time^v Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. And His disciples were hungry, and began to ^wpluck heads of grain and to eat.² And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said to Him, “Look, Your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath!”

³But He said to them, “Have you not read ^xwhat David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: ⁴how he entered the house of God and ate^y the showbread which was not lawful for him to eat, nor for those who were with him, ^zbut only for the priests? ⁵Or have you not read in the ^qlaw that on the Sabbath the priests in the temple ⁶profane the Sabbath, and are blameless? ⁶Yet I say to you that in this place there is^b *One* greater than the temple. ⁷But if you had known what *this* means, ^c‘*I desire mercy and not sacrifice*,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless.⁸ For the Son of Man is Lord^e even of the Sabbath.”

¹Lit. *beat your breast* ²wine drinker ³NU works
⁴NU *will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be*
⁵meek ⁶desecrate ⁷NU, M omit even

^{11:19} ^oMatt. 9:10 ^fLuke 7:35; John 2:1–11 ^{11:20} ^gLuke 10:13–15, 18 ^{11:21} ^hJohn. 3:6–8 ^{11:22} ⁱMatt. 10:15; 11:24
^{11:23} ^jIs. 14:13; Lam. 2:1; Ezek. 26:20; 31:14; 32:18, 24 ^{11:24} ^kMatt. 10:15 ^{11:25} ^lLuke 10:21, 22 ^mPs. 8:2; 1 Cor. 1:19;
[2 Cor. 3:14] ⁿMatt. 16:17 ^{11:27} ^oMatt. 28:18; Luke 10:22; John 3:35; 13:3; 1 Cor. 15:27 ^pJohn 1:18; 6:46; 10:15
^{11:28} ^q[John 6:35–37] ^{11:29} ^r[John 13:15]; Eph. 4:2; [Phil. 2:5; 1 Pet. 2:21; 1 John 2:6] ^sZech. 9:9; [Phil. 2:7, 8]
^tJer. 6:16 ^{11:30} ^u[1 John 5:3] ^{12:1} ^vMark 2:23; Luke 6:1–5 ^wDeut. 23:25 ^{12:3} ^xEx. 31:15; 35:2; 1 Sam. 21:6
^{12:4} ^yEx. 25:30; Lev. 24:5 ²Ex. 29:32; Lev. 8:31; 24:9 ^{12:5} ^zNum. 28:9; [John 7:22] ^{12:6} ^{aa}[2 Chr. 6:18;
Is. 66:1, 2; Mal. 3:1]; Matt. 12:41, 42 ^{12:7} ^{ab}[1 Sam. 15:22; Hos. 6:6; Mic. 6:6–8]; Matt. 9:13