

## **Obadiah**

### **Genesis 25:20–34**

**20** and Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Aramean, to be his wife.

**21** Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD answered him and Rebekah his wife conceived.

**22** But the children struggled together within her; and she said, “If it is so, why then am I *this way*?” So she went to inquire of the LORD.

**23** The LORD said to her, “Two nations are in your womb; And two peoples will be separated from your body; And one people shall be stronger than the other; And the older shall serve the younger.”

**24** When her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb.

**25** Now the first came forth red, all over like a hairy garment; and they named him Esau.

**26** Afterward his brother came forth with his hand holding on to Esau’s heel, so his name was called Jacob; and Isaac was sixty years old when she gave birth to them.

**27** When the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the field, but Jacob was a peaceful man, living in tents.

**28** Now Isaac loved Esau, because he had a taste for game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

**29** When Jacob had cooked stew, Esau came in from the field and he was famished;

**30** and Esau said to Jacob, “Please let me have a swallow of that red stuff there, for I am famished.” Therefore his name was called Edom.

**31** But Jacob said, “First sell me your birthright.”

**32** Esau said, “Behold, I am about to die; so of what *use* then is the birthright to me?”

**33** And Jacob said, “First swear to me”; so he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob.

**34** Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew; and he ate and drank, and rose and went on his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

### **Genesis 27:1–46**

**1** Now it came about, when Isaac was old and his eyes were too dim to see, that he called his older son Esau and said to him, “My son.” And he said to him, “Here I am.”

**2** Isaac said, “Behold now, I am old *and* I do not know the day of my death.

**3** “Now then, please take your gear, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me;

**4** and prepare a savory dish for me such as I love, and bring it to me that I may eat, so that my soul may bless you before I die.”

**5** Rebekah was listening while Isaac spoke to his son Esau. So when Esau went to the field to hunt for game to bring *home*,

**6** Rebekah said to her son Jacob, “Behold, I heard your father speak to your brother Esau, saying,

**7** ‘Bring me *some* game and prepare a savory dish for me, that I may eat, and bless you in the presence of the LORD before my death.’

**8** “Now therefore, my son, listen to me as I command you.

**9** “Go now to the flock and bring me two choice young goats from there, that I may prepare them *as* a savory dish for your father, such as he loves.

**10** “Then you shall bring *it* to your father, that he may eat, so that he may bless you before his death.”

**11** Jacob answered his mother Rebekah, “Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man and I am a smooth man.

**12** “Perhaps my father will feel me, then I will be as a deceiver in his sight, and I will bring upon myself a curse and not a blessing.”

**13** But his mother said to him, “Your curse be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go, get *them* for me.”

**14** So he went and got *them*, and brought *them* to his mother; and his mother made savory food such as his father loved.

**15** Then Rebekah took the best garments of Esau her elder son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son.

**16** And she put the skins of the young goats on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck.

**17** She also gave the savory food and the bread, which she had made, to her son Jacob.

**18** Then he came to his father and said, “My father.” And he said, “Here I am. Who are you, my son?”

**19** Jacob said to his father, “I am Esau your firstborn; I have done as you told me. Get up, please, sit and eat of my game, that you may bless me.”

**20** Isaac said to his son, “How is it that you have *it* so quickly, my son?” And he said, “Because the LORD your God caused *it* to happen to me.”

**21** Then Isaac said to Jacob, “Please come close, that I may feel you, my son, whether you are really my son Esau or not.”

**22** So Jacob came close to Isaac his father, and he felt him and said, “The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau.”

**23** He did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau’s hands; so he blessed him.

**24** And he said, “Are you really my son Esau?” And he said, “I am.”

**25** So he said, “Bring *it* to me, and I will eat of my son’s game, that I may bless you.” And he brought *it* to him, and he ate; he also brought him wine and he drank.

**26** Then his father Isaac said to him, “Please come close and kiss me, my son.”

**27** So he came close and kissed him; and when he smelled the smell of his garments, he blessed him and said, “See, the smell of my son Is like the smell of a field which the LORD has blessed;

**28** Now may God give you of the dew of heaven, And of the fatness of the earth, And an abundance of grain and new wine;

**29** May peoples serve you, And nations bow down to you; Be master of your brothers, And may your mother’s sons bow down to you. Cursed be those who curse you, And blessed be those who bless you.”

**30** Now it came about, as soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, and Jacob had hardly gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting.

**31** Then he also made savory food, and brought it to his father; and he said to his father, “Let my father arise and eat of his son’s game, that you may bless me.”

**32** Isaac his father said to him, “Who are you?” And he said, “I am your son, your firstborn, Esau.”

**33** Then Isaac trembled violently, and said, “Who was he then that hunted game and brought *it* to me, so that I ate of all *of it* before you came, and blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed.”

**34** When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried out with an exceedingly great and bitter cry, and said to his father, “Bless me, *even* me also, O my father!”

**35** And he said, “Your brother came deceitfully and has taken away your blessing.”

**36** Then he said, “Is he not rightly named Jacob, for he has supplanted me these two times? He took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing.” And he said, “Have you not reserved a blessing for me?”

**37** But Isaac replied to Esau, “Behold, I have made him your master, and all his relatives I have given to him as servants; and with grain and new wine I have sustained him. Now as for you then, what can I do, my son?”

**38** Esau said to his father, “Do you have only one blessing, my father? Bless me, *even* me also, O my father.” So Esau lifted his voice and wept.

**39** Then Isaac his father answered and said to him, “Behold, away from the fertility of the earth shall be your dwelling, And away from the dew of heaven from above.

**40** “By your sword you shall live, And your brother you shall serve; But it shall come about when you become restless, That you will break his yoke from your neck.”

**41** So Esau bore a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him; and Esau said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob.”

**42** Now when the words of her elder son Esau were reported to Rebekah, she sent and called her younger son Jacob, and said to him, “Behold your brother Esau is consoling himself concerning you *by planning* to kill you.

**43** “Now therefore, my son, obey my voice, and arise, flee to Haran, to my brother Laban!

**44** “Stay with him a few days, until your brother’s fury subsides,

**45** until your brother's anger against you subsides and he forgets what you did to him. Then I will send and get you from there. Why should I be bereaved of you both in one day?"

**46** Rebekah said to Isaac, "I am tired of living because of the daughters of Heth; if Jacob takes a wife from the daughters of Heth, like these, from the daughters of the land, what good will my life be to me?"

### **Genesis 28:1–9**

**1** So Isaac called Jacob and blessed him and charged him, and said to him, "You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan.

**2** "Arise, go to Paddan-aram, to the house of Bethuel your mother's father; and from there take to yourself a wife from the daughters of Laban your mother's brother.

**3** "May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples.

**4** "May He also give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your descendants with you, that you may possess the land of your sojournings, which God gave to Abraham."

**5** Then Isaac sent Jacob away, and he went to Paddan-aram to Laban, son of Bethuel the Aramean, the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau.

**6** Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan-aram to take to himself a wife from there, *and that* when he blessed him he charged him, saying, "You shall not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan,"

**7** and that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother and had gone to Paddan-aram.

**8** So Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan displeased his father Isaac;

**9** and Esau went to Ishmael, and married, besides the wives that he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister of Nebaioth.

### **Genesis 32:1–21**

**1** Now as Jacob went on his way, the angels of God met him.

**2** Jacob said when he saw them, "This is God's camp." So he named that place Mahanaim.

**3** Then Jacob sent messengers before him to his brother Esau in the land of Seir, the country of Edom.

**4** He also commanded them saying, "Thus you shall say to my lord Esau: 'Thus says your servant Jacob, "I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed until now;

**5** I have oxen and donkeys *and* flocks and male and female servants; and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favor in your sight." ' "

**6** The messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau, and furthermore he is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him."

7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people who were with him, and the flocks and the herds and the camels, into two companies;

8 for he said, "If Esau comes to the one company and attacks it, then the company which is left will escape."

9 Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O LORD, who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your relatives, and I will prosper you,'

10 I am unworthy of all the lovingkindness and of all the faithfulness which You have shown to Your servant; for with my staff *only* I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two companies.

11 "Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, that he will come and attack me *and* the mothers with the children.

12 "For You said, 'I will surely prosper you and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which is too great to be numbered.' "

13 So he spent the night there. Then he selected from what he had with him a present for his brother Esau:

14 two hundred female goats and twenty male goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams,

15 thirty milking camels and their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty female donkeys and ten male donkeys.

16 He delivered *them* into the hand of his servants, every drove by itself, and said to his servants, "Pass on before me, and put a space between droves."

17 He commanded the one in front, saying, "When my brother Esau meets you and asks you, saying, 'To whom do you belong, and where are you going, and to whom do these *animals* in front of you belong?'

18 then you shall say, '*These* belong to your servant Jacob; it is a present sent to my lord Esau. And behold, he also is behind us.' "

19 Then he commanded also the second and the third, and all those who followed the droves, saying, "After this manner you shall speak to Esau when you find him;

20 and you shall say, 'Behold, your servant Jacob also is behind us.' " For he said, "I will appease him with the present that goes before me. Then afterward I will see his face; perhaps he will accept me."

21 So the present passed on before him, while he himself spent that night in the camp.

### **Genesis 33:1–20**

1 Then Jacob lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, Esau was coming, and four hundred men with him. So he divided the children among Leah and Rachel and the two maids.

2 He put the maids and their children in front, and Leah and her children next, and Rachel and Joseph last.

**3** But he himself passed on ahead of them and bowed down to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother.

**4** Then Esau ran to meet him and embraced him, and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.

**5** He lifted his eyes and saw the women and the children, and said, “Who are these with you?” So he said, “The children whom God has graciously given your servant.”

**6** Then the maids came near with their children, and they bowed down.

**7** Leah likewise came near with her children, and they bowed down; and afterward Joseph came near with Rachel, and they bowed down.

**8** And he said, “What do you mean by all this company which I have met?” And he said, “To find favor in the sight of my lord.”

**9** But Esau said, “I have plenty, my brother; let what you have be your own.”

**10** Jacob said, “No, please, if now I have found favor in your sight, then take my present from my hand, for I see your face as one sees the face of God, and you have received me favorably.

**11** “Please take my gift which has been brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me and because I have plenty.” Thus he urged him and he took *it*.

**12** Then Esau said, “Let us take our journey and go, and I will go before you.”

**13** But he said to him, “My lord knows that the children are frail and that the flocks and herds which are nursing are a care to me. And if they are driven hard one day, all the flocks will die.

**14** “Please let my lord pass on before his servant, and I will proceed at my leisure, according to the pace of the cattle that are before me and according to the pace of the children, until I come to my lord at Seir.”

**15** Esau said, “Please let me leave with you some of the people who are with me.” But he said, “What need is there? Let me find favor in the sight of my lord.”

**16** So Esau returned that day on his way to Seir.

**17** Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built for himself a house and made booths for his livestock; therefore the place is named Succoth.

**18** Now Jacob came safely to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Paddan-aram, and camped before the city.

**19** He bought the piece of land where he had pitched his tent from the hand of the sons of Hamor, Shechem’s father, for one hundred pieces of money.

**20** Then he erected there an altar and called it El-Elohe-Israel.

### **Genesis 36:1–9**

**1** Now these are *the records of* the generations of Esau (that is, Edom).

**2** Esau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan: Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah and the granddaughter of Zibeon the Hivite;

**3** also Basemath, Ishmael’s daughter, the sister of Nebaioth.

**4** Adah bore Eliphaz to Esau, and Basemath bore Reuel,  
**5** and Oholibamah bore Jeush and Jalam and Korah. These are the sons of Esau who were born to him in the land of Canaan.

**6** Then Esau took his wives and his sons and his daughters and all his household, and his livestock and all his cattle and all his goods which he had acquired in the land of Canaan, and went to *another* land away from his brother Jacob.

**7** For their property had become too great for them to live together, and the land where they sojourned could not sustain them because of their livestock.

**8** So Esau lived in the hill country of Seir; Esau is Edom.

**9** These then are *the records of* the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in the hill country of Seir.

### **Numbers 20:14–21**

**14** From Kadesh Moses then sent messengers to the king of Edom: “Thus your brother Israel has said, ‘You know all the hardship that has befallen us;

**15** that our fathers went down to Egypt, and we stayed in Egypt a long time, and the Egyptians treated us and our fathers badly.

**16** ‘But when we cried out to the LORD, He heard our voice and sent an angel and brought us out from Egypt; now behold, we are at Kadesh, a town on the edge of your territory.

**17** ‘Please let us pass through your land. We will not pass through field or through vineyard; we will not even drink water from a well. We will go along the king’s highway, not turning to the right or left, until we pass through your territory.’ ”

**18** Edom, however, said to him, “You shall not pass through us, or I will come out with the sword against you.”

**19** Again, the sons of Israel said to him, “We will go up by the highway, and if I and my livestock do drink any of your water, then I will pay its price. Let me only pass through on my feet, nothing *else*.”

**20** But he said, “You shall not pass through.” And Edom came out against him with a heavy force and with a strong hand.

**21** Thus Edom refused to allow Israel to pass through his territory; so Israel turned away from him.

### **Deuteronomy 2:1–8**

**1** “Then we turned and set out for the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea, as the LORD spoke to me, and circled Mount Seir for many days.

**2** “And the LORD spoke to me, saying,

**3** ‘You have circled this mountain long enough. *Now* turn north,

**4** and command the people, saying, “You will pass through the territory of your brothers the sons of Esau who live in Seir; and they will be afraid of you. So be very careful;

**5** do not provoke them, for I will not give you any of their land, even *as little as* a footstep because I have given Mount Seir to Esau as a possession.

**6** “You shall buy food from them with money so that you may eat, and you shall also purchase water from them with money so that you may drink.

**7** “For the LORD your God has blessed you in all that you have done; He has known your wanderings through this great wilderness. These forty years the LORD your God has been with you; you have not lacked a thing.” ’

**8** “So we passed beyond our brothers the sons of Esau, who live in Seir, away from the Arabah road, away from Elath and from Ezion-geber. And we turned and passed through by the way of the wilderness of Moab.

### **Deuteronomy 2:12**

**12** The Horites formerly lived in Seir, but the sons of Esau dispossessed them and destroyed them from before them and settled in their place, just as Israel did to the land of their possession which the LORD gave to them.)

### **1 Chronicles 18:9–13**

**9** Now when Tou king of Hamath heard that David had defeated all the army of Hadadezer king of Zobah,

**10** he sent Hadoram his son to King David to greet him and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and had defeated him; for Hadadezer had been at war with Tou. And *Hadoram brought* all kinds of articles of gold and silver and bronze.

**11** King David also dedicated these to the LORD with the silver and the gold which he had carried away from all the nations: from Edom, Moab, the sons of Ammon, the Philistines, and from Amalek.

**12** Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah defeated 18,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt.

**13** Then he put garrisons in Edom, and all the Edomites became servants to David. And the LORD helped David wherever he went.

### **1 Kings 11:14–17**

**14** Then the LORD raised up an adversary to Solomon, Hadad the Edomite; he was of the royal line in Edom.

**15** For it came about, when David was in Edom, and Joab the commander of the army had gone up to bury the slain, and had struck down every male in Edom

**16** (for Joab and all Israel stayed there six months, until he had cut off every male in Edom),



17 that Hadad fled to Egypt, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, while Hadad *was* a young boy.

### **1 Kings 22:45–47**

45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might which he showed and how he warred, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah?

46 The remnant of the sodomites who remained in the days of his father Asa, he expelled from the land.

47 Now there was no king in Edom; a deputy was king.

### **2 Kings 8:16–22**

16 Now in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jehoshaphat being then the king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah became king.

17 He was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem.

18 He walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had done, for the daughter of Ahab became his wife; and he did evil in the sight of the LORD.

19 However, the LORD was not willing to destroy Judah, for the sake of David His servant, since He had promised him to give a lamp to him through his sons always.

20 In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves.

21 Then Joram crossed over to Zair, and all his chariots with him. And he arose by night and struck the Edomites who had surrounded him and the captains of the chariots; but *his* army fled to their tents.

22 So Edom revolted against Judah to this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time.

### **Psalms 137:7**

7 Remember, O LORD, against the sons of Edom The day of Jerusalem, Who said, "Raze it, raze it To its very foundation."

### **Romans 9:10–13**

10 And not only this, but there was Rebekah also, when she had conceived *twins* by one man, our father Isaac;

11 for though *the twins* were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to *His* choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls,

12 it was said to her, "THE OLDER WILL SERVE THE YOUNGER."

13 Just as it is written, "JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED."

**Hebrews 12:15–17**

**15** See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled;

**16** that *there be* no immoral or godless person like Esau, who sold his own birthright for a *single* meal.

**17** For you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears.

**Genesis 12:2–3**

**2** And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing;

**3** And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

**Jeremiah 48:42**

**42** “Moab will be destroyed from *being* a people Because he has become arrogant toward the LORD.

**Isaiah 10:12**

**12** So it will be that when the Lord has completed all His work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, *He will say*, “I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria and the pomp of his haughtiness.”

**Jeremiah 50:29–32**

**29** “Summon many against Babylon, All those who bend the bow: Encamp against her on every side, Let there be no escape. Repay her according to her work; According to all that she has done, *so* do to her; For she has become arrogant against the LORD, Against the Holy One of Israel.

**30** “Therefore her young men will fall in her streets, And all her men of war will be silenced in that day,” declares the LORD.

**31** “Behold, I am against you, O arrogant one,” Declares the Lord GOD of hosts, “For your day has come, The time when I will punish you.

**32** “The arrogant one will stumble and fall With no one to raise him up; And I will set fire to his cities And it will devour all his environs.”

**Zephaniah 2:8–11**

**8** “I have heard the taunting of Moab And the revilings of the sons of Ammon, With which they have taunted My people And become arrogant against their territory.

**9** “Therefore, as I live,” declares the LORD of hosts, The God of Israel, “Surely Moab will be like Sodom And the sons of Ammon like Gomorrah— A place possessed by nettles and salt pits, And a perpetual desolation. The remnant of My people will plunder them And the remainder of My nation will inherit them.”

**10** This they will have in return for their pride, because they have taunted and become arrogant against the people of the LORD of hosts.

**11** The LORD will be terrifying to them, for He will starve all the gods of the earth; and all the coastlands of the nations will bow down to Him, everyone from his *own* place.

**Malachi 4:1–6**

**1** “For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze,” says the LORD of hosts, “so that it will leave them neither root nor branch.”

**2** “But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall.

**3** “You will tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing,” says the LORD of hosts.

**4** “Remember the law of Moses My servant, *even the* statutes and ordinances which I commanded him in Horeb for all Israel.

**5** “Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD.

**6** “He will restore the hearts of the fathers to *their* children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse.”

**Romans 1:28–32**

**28** And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,

**29** being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are* gossips,

**30** slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

**31** without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;

**32** and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.

## **2 Timothy 3:1–7**

**1** But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come.

**2** For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,

**3** unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good,

**4** treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,

**5** holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.

**6** For among them are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses,

**7** always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

## **Jeremiah 1:1–3**

**1** The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin,

**2** to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.

**3** It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the exile of Jerusalem in the fifth month.

## **Ezekiel 35**

**1** Moreover, the word of the LORD came to me saying,

**2** “Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir, and prophesy against it

**3** and say to it, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “Behold, I am against you, Mount Seir, And I will stretch out My hand against you And make you a desolation and a waste.

**4** “I will lay waste your cities And you will become a desolation. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

**5** “Because you have had everlasting enmity and have delivered the sons of Israel to the power of the sword at the time of their calamity, at the time of the punishment of the end,

**6** therefore as I live,” declares the Lord GOD, “I will give you over to bloodshed, and bloodshed will pursue you; since you have not hated bloodshed, therefore bloodshed will pursue you.

7 “I will make Mount Seir a waste and a desolation and I will cut off from it the one who passes through and returns.

8 “I will fill its mountains with its slain; on your hills and in your valleys and in all your ravines those slain by the sword will fall.

9 “I will make you an everlasting desolation and your cities will not be inhabited. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

10 “Because you have said, ‘These two nations and these two lands will be mine, and we will possess them,’ although the LORD was there,

11 therefore as I live,” declares the Lord GOD, “I will deal *with you* according to your anger and according to your envy which you showed because of your hatred against them; so I will make Myself known among them when I judge you.

12 “Then you will know that I, the LORD, have heard all your revilings which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel saying, ‘They are laid desolate; they are given to us for food.’

13 “And you have spoken arrogantly against Me and have multiplied your words against Me; I have heard *it*.”

14 ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “As all the earth rejoices, I will make you a desolation.

15 “As you rejoiced over the inheritance of the house of Israel because it was desolate, so I will do to you. You will be a desolation, O Mount Seir, and all Edom, all of it. Then they will know that I am the LORD.” ’

### **Numbers 24:15–19**

15 He took up his discourse and said, “The oracle of Balaam the son of Beor, And the oracle of the man whose eye is opened,

16 The oracle of him who hears the words of God, And knows the knowledge of the Most High, Who sees the vision of the Almighty, Falling down, yet having his eyes uncovered.

17 “I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near; A star shall come forth from Jacob, A scepter shall rise from Israel, And shall crush through the forehead of Moab, And tear down all the sons of Sheth.

18 “Edom shall be a possession, Seir, its enemies, also will be a possession, While Israel performs valiantly.

19 “One from Jacob shall have dominion, And will destroy the remnant from the city.”

### **Isaiah 11:12–14**

12 And He will lift up a standard for the nations And assemble the banished ones of Israel, And will gather the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth.

13 Then the jealousy of Ephraim will depart, And those who harass Judah will be cut off; Ephraim will not be jealous of Judah, And Judah will not harass Ephraim.

**14** They will swoop down on the slopes of the Philistines on the west; Together they will plunder the sons of the east; They will possess Edom and Moab, And the sons of Ammon will be subject to them.

### **Amos 9:11–12**

**11** “In that day I will raise up the fallen booth of David, And wall up its breaches; I will also raise up its ruins And rebuild it as in the days of old;

**12** That they may possess the remnant of Edom And all the nations who are called by My name,” Declares the LORD who does this.

### **Malachi 1:2–5**

**2** “I have loved you,” says the LORD. But you say, “How have You loved us?” “*Was* not Esau Jacob’s brother?” declares the LORD. “Yet I have loved Jacob;

**3** but I have hated Esau, and I have made his mountains a desolation and *appointed* his inheritance for the jackals of the wilderness.”

**4** Though Edom says, “We have been beaten down, but we will return and build up the ruins”; thus says the LORD of hosts, “They may build, but I will tear down; and *men* will call them the wicked territory, and the people toward whom the LORD is indignant forever.”

**5** Your eyes will see this and you will say, “The LORD be magnified beyond the border of Israel!”

### **Revelation 19:13–16**

**13** *He is* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

**14** And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white *and* clean, were following Him on white horses.

**15** From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.

**16** And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”

### **Zechariah 14:16–19**

**16** Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against Jerusalem will go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

**17** And it will be that whichever of the families of the earth does not go up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, there will be no rain on them.

**18** If the family of Egypt does not go up or enter, then no *rain will fall* on them; it will be the plague with which the LORD smites the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

**19** This will be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations who do not go up to celebrate the Feast of Booths.





## **Joel Lesson One**

### **Deuteronomy 28:1–45**

**1** “Now it shall be, if you diligently obey the LORD your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth.

**2** “All these blessings will come upon you and overtake you if you obey the LORD your God:

**3** “Blessed *shall you be* in the city, and blessed *shall you be* in the country.

**4** “Blessed *shall be* the offspring of your body and the produce of your ground and the offspring of your beasts, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock.

**5** “Blessed *shall be* your basket and your kneading bowl.

**6** “Blessed *shall you be* when you come in, and blessed *shall you be* when you go out.

**7** “The LORD shall cause your enemies who rise up against you to be defeated before you; they will come out against you one way and will flee before you seven ways.

**8** “The LORD will command the blessing upon you in your barns and in all that you put your hand to, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

**9** “The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, as He swore to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways.

**10** “So all the peoples of the earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will be afraid of you.

**11** “The LORD will make you abound in prosperity, in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your beast and in the produce of your ground, in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you.

**12** “The LORD will open for you His good storehouse, the heavens, to give rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hand; and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.

**13** “The LORD will make you the head and not the tail, and you only will be above, and you will not be underneath, if you listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, which I charge you today, to observe *them* carefully,

**14** and do not turn aside from any of the words which I command you today, to the right or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

**15** “But it shall come about, if you do not obey the LORD your God, to observe to do all His commandments and His statutes with which I charge you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

**16** “Cursed *shall you be* in the city, and cursed *shall you be* in the country.

**17** “Cursed *shall be* your basket and your kneading bowl.

**18** “Cursed *shall be* the offspring of your body and the produce of your ground, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock.

- 19** “Cursed *shall you be* when you come in, and cursed *shall you be* when you go out.
- 20** “The LORD will send upon you curses, confusion, and rebuke, in all you undertake to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, on account of the evil of your deeds, because you have forsaken Me.
- 21** “The LORD will make the pestilence cling to you until He has consumed you from the land where you are entering to possess it.
- 22** “The LORD will smite you with consumption and with fever and with inflammation and with fiery heat and with the sword and with blight and with mildew, and they will pursue you until you perish.
- 23** “The heaven which is over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you, iron.
- 24** “The LORD will make the rain of your land powder and dust; from heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed.
- 25** “The LORD shall cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you will go out one way against them, but you will flee seven ways before them, and you will be *an example of terror* to all the kingdoms of the earth.
- 26** “Your carcasses will be food to all birds of the sky and to the beasts of the earth, and there will be no one to frighten *them* away.
- 27** “The LORD will smite you with the boils of Egypt and with tumors and with the scab and with the itch, from which you cannot be healed.
- 28** “The LORD will smite you with madness and with blindness and with bewilderment of heart;
- 29** and you will grope at noon, as the blind man gropes in darkness, and you will not prosper in your ways; but you shall only be oppressed and robbed continually, with none to save you.
- 30** “You shall betroth a wife, but another man will violate her; you shall build a house, but you will not live in it; you shall plant a vineyard, but you will not use its fruit.
- 31** “Your ox shall be slaughtered before your eyes, but you will not eat of it; your donkey shall be torn away from you, and will not be restored to you; your sheep shall be given to your enemies, and you will have none to save you.
- 32** “Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, while your eyes look on and yearn for them continually; but there will be nothing you can do.
- 33** “A people whom you do not know shall eat up the produce of your ground and all your labors, and you will never be anything but oppressed and crushed continually.
- 34** “You shall be driven mad by the sight of what you see.
- 35** “The LORD will strike you on the knees and legs with sore boils, from which you cannot be healed, from the sole of your foot to the crown of your head.
- 36** “The LORD will bring you and your king, whom you set over you, to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you shall serve other gods, wood and stone.
- 37** “You shall become a horror, a proverb, and a taunt among all the people where the LORD drives you.

**38** “You shall bring out much seed to the field but you will gather in little, for the locust will consume it.

**39** “You shall plant and cultivate vineyards, but you will neither drink of the wine nor gather *the grapes*, for the worm will devour them.

**40** “You shall have olive trees throughout your territory but you will not anoint yourself with the oil, for your olives will drop off.

**41** “You shall have sons and daughters but they will not be yours, for they will go into captivity.

**42** “The cricket shall possess all your trees and the produce of your ground.

**43** “The alien who is among you shall rise above you higher and higher, but you will go down lower and lower.

**44** “He shall lend to you, but you will not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you will be the tail.

**45** “So all these curses shall come on you and pursue you and overtake you until you are destroyed, because you would not obey the LORD your God by keeping His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you.

### **Deuteronomy 28:58–61**

**58** “If you are not careful to observe all the words of this law which are written in this book, to fear this honored and awesome name, the LORD your God,

**59** then the LORD will bring extraordinary plagues on you and your descendants, even severe and lasting plagues, and miserable and chronic sicknesses.

**60** “He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt of which you were afraid, and they will cling to you.

**61** “Also every sickness and every plague which, not written in the book of this law, the LORD will bring on you until you are destroyed.

### **Exodus 10:1–20**

**1** Then the LORD said to Moses, “Go to Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, that I may perform these signs of Mine among them,

**2** and that you may tell in the hearing of your son, and of your grandson, how I made a mockery of the Egyptians and how I performed My signs among them, that you may know that I am the LORD.”

**3** Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said to him, “Thus says the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, ‘How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Let My people go, that they may serve Me.

**4** ‘For if you refuse to let My people go, behold, tomorrow I will bring locusts into your territory.

**5** ‘They shall cover the surface of the land, so that no one will be able to see the land. They will also eat the rest of what has escaped—what is left to you from the hail—and they will eat every tree which sprouts for you out of the field.

**6** ‘Then your houses shall be filled and the houses of all your servants and the houses of all the Egyptians, *something* which neither your fathers nor your grandfathers have seen, from the day that they came upon the earth until this day.’ ” And he turned and went out from Pharaoh.

**7** Pharaoh’s servants said to him, “How long will this man be a snare to us? Let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God. Do you not realize that Egypt is destroyed?”

**8** So Moses and Aaron were brought back to Pharaoh, and he said to them, “Go, serve the LORD your God! Who are the ones that are going?”

**9** Moses said, “We shall go with our young and our old; with our sons and our daughters, with our flocks and our herds we shall go, for we must hold a feast to the LORD.”

**10** Then he said to them, “Thus may the LORD be with you, if ever I let you and your little ones go! Take heed, for evil is in your mind.

**11** “Not so! Go now, the men *among you*, and serve the LORD, for that is what you desire.” So they were driven out from Pharaoh’s presence.

**12** Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up on the land of Egypt and eat every plant of the land, *even* all that the hail has left.”

**13** So Moses stretched out his staff over the land of Egypt, and the LORD directed an east wind on the land all that day and all that night; and when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts.

**14** The locusts came up over all the land of Egypt and settled in all the territory of Egypt; *they were* very numerous. There had never been so *many* locusts, nor would there be so *many* again.

**15** For they covered the surface of the whole land, so that the land was darkened; and they ate every plant of the land and all the fruit of the trees that the hail had left. Thus nothing green was left on tree or plant of the field through all the land of Egypt.

**16** Then Pharaoh hurriedly called for Moses and Aaron, and he said, “I have sinned against the LORD your God and against you.

**17** “Now therefore, please forgive my sin only this once, and make supplication to the LORD your God, that He would only remove this death from me.”

**18** He went out from Pharaoh and made supplication to the LORD.

**19** So the LORD shifted *the wind* to a very strong west wind which took up the locusts and drove them into the Red Sea; not one locust was left in all the territory of Egypt.

**20** But the LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart, and he did not let the sons of Israel go.

**Isaiah 26:8–9**

**8** Indeed, *while following* the way of Your judgments, O LORD, We have waited for You eagerly; Your name, even Your memory, is the desire of *our* souls.

**9** At night my soul longs for You, Indeed, my spirit within me seeks You diligently; For when the earth experiences Your judgments The inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.

**Isaiah 45:6–7**

**6** That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun That there is no one besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other,

**7** The One forming light and creating darkness, Causing well-being and creating calamity; I am the LORD who does all these.

**Ezekiel 14:12–20**

**12** Then the word of the LORD came to me saying,

**13** “Son of man, if a country sins against Me by committing unfaithfulness, and I stretch out My hand against it, destroy its supply of bread, send famine against it and cut off from it both man and beast,

**14** even *though* these three men, Noah, Daniel and Job were in its midst, by their *own* righteousness they could *only* deliver themselves,” declares the Lord GOD.

**15** “If I were to cause wild beasts to pass through the land and they depopulated it, and it became desolate so that no one would pass through it because of the beasts,

**16** *though* these three men were in its midst, as I live,” declares the Lord GOD, “they could not deliver either *their* sons or *their* daughters. They alone would be delivered, but the country would be desolate.

**17** “Or *if* I should bring a sword on that country and say, ‘Let the sword pass through the country and cut off man and beast from it,’

**18** even *though* these three men were in its midst, as I live,” declares the Lord GOD, “they could not deliver either *their* sons or *their* daughters, but they alone would be delivered.

**19** “Or *if* I should send a plague against that country and pour out My wrath in blood on it to cut off man and beast from it,

**20** even *though* Noah, Daniel and Job were in its midst, as I live,” declares the Lord GOD, “they could not deliver either *their* son or *their* daughter. They would deliver only themselves by their righteousness.”

**Amos 3:6**

6 If a trumpet is blown in a city will not the people tremble? If a calamity occurs in a city has not the LORD done it?

**Amos 4:6–12**

6 “But I gave you also cleanness of teeth in all your cities And lack of bread in all your places, Yet you have not returned to Me,” declares the LORD.

7 “Furthermore, I withheld the rain from you While *there were* still three months until harvest. Then I would send rain on one city And on another city I would not send rain; One part would be rained on, While the part not rained on would dry up.

8 “So two or three cities would stagger to another city to drink water, But would not be satisfied; Yet you have not returned to Me,” declares the LORD.

9 “I smote you with scorching *wind* and mildew; And the caterpillar was devouring Your many gardens and vineyards, fig trees and olive trees; Yet you have not returned to Me,” declares the LORD.

10 “I sent a plague among you after the manner of Egypt; I slew your young men by the sword along with your captured horses, And I made the stench of your camp rise up in your nostrils; Yet you have not returned to Me,” declares the LORD.

11 “I overthrew you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, And you were like a firebrand snatched from a blaze; Yet you have not returned to Me,” declares the LORD.

12 “Therefore thus I will do to you, O Israel; Because I will do this to you, Prepare to meet your God, O Israel.”

**John 17:17**

17 “Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

**Genesis 35:14**

14 Jacob set up a pillar in the place where He had spoken with him, a pillar of stone, and he poured out a drink offering on it; he also poured oil on it.

**Exodus 25:23–30**

23 “You shall make a table of acacia wood, two cubits long and one cubit wide and one and a half cubits high.

24 “You shall overlay it with pure gold and make a gold border around it.

**25** “You shall make for it a rim of a handbreadth around *it*; and you shall make a gold border for the rim around it.

**26** “You shall make four gold rings for it and put rings on the four corners which are on its four feet.

**27** “The rings shall be close to the rim as holders for the poles to carry the table.

**28** “You shall make the poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold, so that with them the table may be carried.

**29** “You shall make its dishes and its pans and its jars and its bowls with which to pour drink offerings; you shall make them of pure gold.

**30** “You shall set the bread of the Presence on the table before Me at all times.

### **Exodus 29:38–42**

**38** “Now this is what you shall offer on the altar: two one year old lambs each day, continuously.

**39** “The one lamb you shall offer in the morning and the other lamb you shall offer at twilight;

**40** and there *shall be* one-tenth *of an ephah* of fine flour mixed with one-fourth of a hin of beaten oil, and one-fourth of a hin of wine for a drink offering with one lamb.

**41** “The other lamb you shall offer at twilight, and shall offer with it the same grain offering and the same drink offering as in the morning, for a soothing aroma, an offering by fire to the LORD.

**42** “It shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the doorway of the tent of meeting before the LORD, where I will meet with you, to speak to you there.

### **Philippians 2:17**

**17** But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all.

### **2 Timothy 4:6**

**6** For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.

### **Romans 12:1–2**

**1** Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.

**2** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

**Ephesians 5:25–27**

**25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,

**26** so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,  
**27** that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

**Genesis 37:34**

**34** So Jacob tore his clothes, and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days.

**Revelation 6:12**

**12** I looked when He broke the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth *made* of hair, and the whole moon became like blood;

**Esther 4:1–3**

**1** When Mordecai learned all that had been done, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the midst of the city and wailed loudly and bitterly.

**2** He went as far as the king's gate, for no one was to enter the king's gate clothed in sackcloth.

**3** In each and every province where the command and decree of the king came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting, weeping and wailing; and many lay on sackcloth and ashes.

**Isaiah 15:1–3**

**1** The oracle concerning Moab. Surely in a night Ar of Moab is devastated *and* ruined; Surely in a night Kir of Moab is devastated *and* ruined.

**2** They have gone up to the temple and *to* Dibon, *even* to the high places to weep. Moab wails over Nebo and Medeba; Everyone's head is bald *and* every beard is cut off.

**3** In their streets they have girded themselves with sackcloth; On their housetops and in their squares Everyone is wailing, dissolved in tears.

**Matthew 11:21**

**21** "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles had occurred in Tyre and Sidon which occurred in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.



**Daniel 9:1–3**

**1** In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans—

**2** in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was *revealed* as the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, *namely*, seventy years.

**3** So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek *Him* by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes.

**Leviticus 23:36**

**36** ‘For seven days you shall present an offering by fire to the LORD. On the eighth day you shall have a holy convocation and present an offering by fire to the LORD; it is an assembly. You shall do no laborious work.

**Deuteronomy 16:8**

**8** “Six days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a solemn assembly to the LORD your God; you shall do no work *on it*.

**Numbers 29:35**

**35** ‘On the eighth day you shall have a solemn assembly; you shall do no laborious work.

**2 Chronicles 7:9**

**9** On the eighth day they held a solemn assembly, for the dedication of the altar they observed seven days and the feast seven days.

**2 Kings 10:18–28**

**18** Then Jehu gathered all the people and said to them, “Ahab served Baal a little; Jehu will serve him much.

**19** “Now, summon all the prophets of Baal, all his worshipers and all his priests; let no one be missing, for I have a great sacrifice for Baal; whoever is missing shall not live.” But Jehu did it in cunning, so that he might destroy the worshipers of Baal.

**20** And Jehu said, “Sanctify a solemn assembly for Baal.” And they proclaimed *it*.

**21** Then Jehu sent throughout Israel and all the worshipers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left who did not come. And when they went into the house of Baal, the house of Baal was filled from one end to the other.

**22** He said to the one who *was* in charge of the wardrobe, “Bring out garments for all the worshipers of Baal.” So he brought out garments for them.

**23** Jehu went into the house of Baal with Jehonadab the son of Rechab; and he said to the worshipers of Baal, “Search and see that there is here with you none of the servants of the LORD, but only the worshipers of Baal.”

**24** Then they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings. **Now** Jehu had stationed for himself eighty men outside, and he had said, “The one who permits any of the men whom I bring into your hands to escape shall give up his life in exchange.”

**25** Then it came about, as soon as he had finished offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the royal officers, “Go in, kill them; let none come out.” And they killed them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the royal officers threw *them* out, and went to the inner room of the house of Baal.

**26** They brought out the *sacred* pillars of the house of Baal and burned them.

**27** They also broke down the *sacred* pillar of Baal and broke down the house of Baal, and made it a latrine to this day.

**28** Thus Jehu eradicated Baal out of Israel.

### **Amos 5:21–26**

**21** “I hate, I reject your festivals, Nor do I delight in your solemn assemblies.

**22** “Even though you offer up to Me burnt offerings and your grain offerings, I will not accept *them*; And I will not *even* look at the peace offerings of your fatlings.

**23** “Take away from Me the noise of your songs; I will not even listen to the sound of your harps.

**24** “But let justice roll down like waters And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

**25** “Did you present Me with sacrifices and grain offerings in the wilderness for forty years, O house of Israel?

**26** “You also carried along Sikkuth your king and Kiyyun, your images, the star of your gods which you made for yourselves.

## Joel Lesson Two

### **Revelation 9:1–11**

**1** Then the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven which had fallen to the earth; and the key of the bottomless pit was given to him.

**2** He opened the bottomless pit, and smoke went up out of the pit, like the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by the smoke of the pit.

**3** Then out of the smoke came locusts upon the earth, and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

**4** They were told not to hurt the grass of the earth, nor any green thing, nor any tree, but only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads.

**5** And they were not permitted to kill anyone, but to torment for five months; and their torment was like the torment of a scorpion when it stings a man.

**6** And in those days men will seek death and will not find it; they will long to die, and death flees from them.

**7** The appearance of the locusts was like horses prepared for battle; and on their heads appeared to be crowns like gold, and their faces were like the faces of men.

**8** They had hair like the hair of women, and their teeth were like *the teeth* of lions.

**9** They had breastplates like breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was like the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to battle.

**10** They have tails like scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men for five months.

**11** They have as king over them, the angel of the abyss; his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek he has the name Apollyon.

### **Numbers 10:1–10**

**1** The LORD spoke further to Moses, saying,

**2** “Make yourself two trumpets of silver, of hammered work you shall make them; and you shall use them for summoning the congregation and for having the camps set out.

**3** “When both are blown, all the congregation shall gather themselves to you at the doorway of the tent of meeting.

**4** “Yet if *only* one is blown, then the leaders, the heads of the divisions of Israel, shall assemble before you.

**5** “But when you blow an alarm, the camps that are pitched on the east side shall set out.

**6** “When you blow an alarm the second time, the camps that are pitched on the south side shall set out; an alarm is to be blown for them to set out.

**7** “When convening the assembly, however, you shall blow without sounding an alarm.

**8** “The priestly sons of Aaron, moreover, shall blow the trumpets; and this shall be for you a perpetual statute throughout your generations.

**9** “When you go to war in your land against the adversary who attacks you, then you shall sound an alarm with the trumpets, that you may be remembered before the LORD your God, and be saved from your enemies.

**10** “Also in the day of your gladness and in your appointed feasts, and on the first *days* of your months, you shall blow the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be as a reminder of you before your God. I am the LORD your God.”

### **Numbers 29:1**

**1** ‘Now in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall also have a holy convocation; you shall do no laborious work. It will be to you a day for blowing trumpets.

### **Numbers 31:6**

**6** Moses sent them, a thousand from each tribe, to the war, and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war with them, and the holy vessels and the trumpets for the alarm in his hand.

### **Judges 20:12–35**

**12** Then the tribes of Israel sent men through the entire tribe of Benjamin, saying, “What is this wickedness that has taken place among you?”

**13** “Now then, deliver up the men, the worthless fellows in Gibeah, that we may put them to death and remove *this* wickedness from Israel.” But the sons of Benjamin would not listen to the voice of their brothers, the sons of Israel.

**14** The sons of Benjamin gathered from the cities to Gibeah, to go out to battle against the sons of Israel.

**15** From the cities on that day the sons of Benjamin were numbered, 26,000 men who draw the sword, besides the inhabitants of Gibeah who were numbered, 700 choice men.

**16** Out of all these people 700 choice men were left-handed; each one could sling a stone at a hair and not miss.

**17** Then the men of Israel besides Benjamin were numbered, 400,000 men who draw the sword; all these were men of war.

**18** Now the sons of Israel arose, went up to Bethel, and inquired of God and said, “Who shall go up first for us to battle against the sons of Benjamin?” Then the LORD said, “Judah *shall go up* first.”

**19** So the sons of Israel arose in the morning and camped against Gibeah.

**20** The men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin, and the men of Israel arrayed for battle against them at Gibeah.

**21** Then the sons of Benjamin came out of Gibeah and felled to the ground on that day 22,000 men of Israel.

**22** But the people, the men of Israel, encouraged themselves and arrayed for battle again in the place where they had arrayed themselves the first day.

**23** The sons of Israel went up and wept before the LORD until evening, and inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall we again draw near for battle against the sons of my brother Benjamin?" And the LORD said, "Go up against him."

**24** Then the sons of Israel came against the sons of Benjamin the second day.

**25** Benjamin went out against them from Gibeah the second day and felled to the ground again 18,000 men of the sons of Israel; all these drew the sword.

**26** Then all the sons of Israel and all the people went up and came to Bethel and wept; thus they remained there before the LORD and fasted that day until evening. And they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD.

**27** The sons of Israel inquired of the LORD (for the ark of the covenant of God *was* there in those days,

**28** and Phinehas the son of Eleazar, Aaron's son, stood before it to *minister* in those days), saying, "Shall I yet again go out to battle against the sons of my brother Benjamin, or shall I cease?" And the LORD said, "Go up, for tomorrow I will deliver them into your hand."

**29** So Israel set men in ambush around Gibeah.

**30** The sons of Israel went up against the sons of Benjamin on the third day and arrayed themselves against Gibeah as at other times.

**31** The sons of Benjamin went out against the people and were drawn away from the city, and they began to strike and kill some of the people as at other times, on the highways, one of which goes up to Bethel and the other to Gibeah, *and* in the field, about thirty men of Israel.

**32** The sons of Benjamin said, "They are struck down before us, as at the first." But the sons of Israel said, "Let us flee that we may draw them away from the city to the highways."

**33** Then all the men of Israel arose from their place and arrayed themselves at Baal-tamar; and the men of Israel in ambush broke out of their place, even out of Maareh-geba.

**34** When ten thousand choice men from all Israel came against Gibeah, the battle became fierce; but Benjamin did not know that disaster was close to them.

**35** And the LORD struck Benjamin before Israel, so that the sons of Israel destroyed 25,100 men of Benjamin that day, all who draw the sword.

**1 Samuel 7:3–14**

**3** Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, “If you return to the LORD with all your heart, remove the foreign gods and the Ashtaroath from among you and direct your hearts to the LORD and serve Him alone; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines.”

**4** So the sons of Israel removed the Baals and the Ashtaroath and served the LORD alone.

**5** Then Samuel said, “Gather all Israel to Mizpah and I will pray to the LORD for you.”

**6** They gathered to Mizpah, and drew water and poured it out before the LORD, and fasted on that day and said there, “We have sinned against the LORD.” And Samuel judged the sons of Israel at Mizpah.

**7** Now when the Philistines heard that the sons of Israel had gathered to Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the sons of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines.

**8** Then the sons of Israel said to Samuel, “Do not cease to cry to the LORD our God for us, that He may save us from the hand of the Philistines.”

**9** Samuel took a suckling lamb and offered it for a whole burnt offering to the LORD; and Samuel cried to the LORD for Israel and the LORD answered him.

**10** Now Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, and the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel. But the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day against the Philistines and confused them, so that they were routed before Israel.

**11** The men of Israel went out of Mizpah and pursued the Philistines, and struck them down as far as below Beth-car.

**12** Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and named it Ebenezer, saying, “Thus far the LORD has helped us.”

**13** So the Philistines were subdued and they did not come anymore within the border of Israel. And the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.

**14** The cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even to Gath; and Israel delivered their territory from the hand of the Philistines. So there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

**2 Samuel 1:12**

**12** They mourned and wept and fasted until evening for Saul and his son Jonathan and for the people of the LORD and the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.

**2 Samuel 12:13–23**

**13** Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” And Nathan said to David, “The LORD also has taken away your sin; you shall not die.

**14** “However, because by this deed you have given occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born to you shall surely die.”

**15** So Nathan went to his house. **Then** the LORD struck the child that Uriah’s widow bore to David, so that he was very sick.

**16** David therefore inquired of God for the child; and David fasted and went and lay all night on the ground.

**17** The elders of his household stood beside him in order to raise him up from the ground, but he was unwilling and would not eat food with them.

**18** Then it happened on the seventh day that the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, “Behold, while the child was *still* alive, we spoke to him and he did not listen to our voice. How then can we tell him that the child is dead, since he might do *himself* harm!”

**19** But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David perceived that the child was dead; so David said to his servants, “Is the child dead?” And they said, “He is dead.”

**20** So David arose from the ground, washed, anointed *himself*, and changed his clothes; and he came into the house of the LORD and worshiped. Then he came to his own house, and when he requested, they set food before him and he ate.

**21** Then his servants said to him, “What is this thing that you have done? While the child was alive, you fasted and wept; but when the child died, you arose and ate food.”

**22** He said, “While the child was *still* alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, ‘Who knows, the LORD may be gracious to me, that the child may live.’

**23** “But now he has died; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me.”

**1 Kings 21:20–29**

**20** Ahab said to Elijah, “Have you found me, O my enemy?” And he answered, “I have found *you*, because you have sold yourself to do evil in the sight of the LORD.

**21** “Behold, I will bring evil upon you, and will utterly sweep you away, and will cut off from Ahab every male, both bond and free in Israel;

**22** and I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, because of the provocation with which you have provoked *Me* to anger, and *because* you have made Israel sin.

**23** “Of Jezebel also has the LORD spoken, saying, ‘The dogs will eat Jezebel in the district of Jezreel.’

**24** “The one belonging to Ahab, who dies in the city, the dogs will eat, and the one who dies in the field the birds of heaven will eat.”

**25** Surely there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do evil in the sight of the LORD, because Jezebel his wife incited him.

**26** He acted very abominably in following idols, according to all that the Amorites had done, whom the LORD cast out before the sons of Israel.

**27** It came about when Ahab heard these words, that he tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and fasted, and he lay in sackcloth and went about despondently.

**28** Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying,

**29** “Do you see how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the evil in his days, *but* I will bring the evil upon his house in his son’s days.”

### **Ezra 8:21–23**

**21** Then I proclaimed a fast there at the river of Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God to seek from Him a safe journey for us, our little ones, and all our possessions.

**22** For I was ashamed to request from the king troops and horsemen to protect us from the enemy on the way, because we had said to the king, “The hand of our God is favorably disposed to all those who seek Him, but His power and His anger are against all those who forsake Him.”

**23** So we fasted and sought our God concerning this *matter*, and He listened to our entreaty.

### **Nehemiah 1:1–2:6**

**1** The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah. **Now** it happened in the month Chislew, *in* the twentieth year, while I was in Susa the capitol,

**2** that Hanani, one of my brothers, and some men from Judah came; and I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped *and* had survived the captivity, and about Jerusalem.

**3** They said to me, “The remnant there in the province who survived the captivity are in great distress and reproach, and the wall of Jerusalem is broken down and its gates are burned with fire.”

**4** When I heard these words, I sat down and wept and mourned for days; and I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven.

**5** I said, “I beseech You, O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who preserves the covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments,

**6** let Your ear now be attentive and Your eyes open to hear the prayer of Your servant which I am praying before You now, day and night, on behalf of the sons of Israel Your servants, confessing the sins of the sons of Israel which we have sinned against You; I and my father’s house have sinned.



7 “We have acted very corruptly against You and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses.

8 “Remember the word which You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful I will scatter you among the peoples;

9 but *if* you return to Me and keep My commandments and do them, though those of you who have been scattered were in the most remote part of the heavens, I will gather them from there and will bring them to the place where I have chosen to cause My name to dwell.’

10 “They are Your servants and Your people whom You redeemed by Your great power and by Your strong hand.

11 “O Lord, I beseech You, may Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant and the prayer of Your servants who delight to revere Your name, and make Your servant successful today and grant him compassion before this man.” Now I was the cupbearer to the king.

1 And it came about in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, that wine *was* before him, and I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence.

2 So the king said to me, “Why is your face sad though you are not sick? This is nothing but sadness of heart.” Then I was very much afraid.

3 I said to the king, “Let the king live forever. Why should my face not be sad when the city, the place of my fathers’ tombs, lies desolate and its gates have been consumed by fire?”

4 Then the king said to me, “What would you request?” So I prayed to the God of heaven.

5 I said to the king, “If it please the king, and if your servant has found favor before you, send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers’ tombs, that I may rebuild it.”

6 Then the king said to me, the queen sitting beside him, “How long will your journey be, and when will you return?” So it pleased the king to send me, and I gave him a definite time.

### **Esther 4:13–5:3**

13 Then Mordecai told *them* to reply to Esther, “Do not imagine that you in the king’s palace can escape any more than all the Jews.

14 “For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father’s house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?”

15 Then Esther told *them* to reply to Mordecai,

16 “Go, assemble all the Jews who are found in Susa, and fast for me; do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maidens also will fast in the same way. And thus I will go in to the king, which is not according to the law; and if I perish, I perish.”

17 So Mordecai went away and did just as Esther had commanded him.

**1** Now it came about on the third day that Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace in front of the king's rooms, and the king was sitting on his royal throne in the throne room, opposite the entrance to the palace.

**2** When the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, she obtained favor in his sight; and the king extended to Esther the golden scepter which *was* in his hand. So Esther came near and touched the top of the scepter.

**3** Then the king said to her, "What is *troubling* you, Queen Esther? And what is your request? Even to half of the kingdom it shall be given to you."

### **Psalm 35:13**

**13** But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth; I humbled my soul with fasting, And my prayer kept returning to my bosom.

### **Psalm 69:6–13**

**6** May those who wait for You not be ashamed through me, O Lord GOD of hosts; May those who seek You not be dishonored through me, O God of Israel,

**7** Because for Your sake I have borne reproach; Dishonor has covered my face.

**8** I have become estranged from my brothers And an alien to my mother's sons.

**9** For zeal for Your house has consumed me, And the reproaches of those who reproach You have fallen on me.

**10** When I wept in my soul with fasting, It became my reproach.

**11** When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them.

**12** Those who sit in the gate talk about me, And I *am* the song of the drunkards.

**13** But as for me, my prayer is to You, O LORD, at an acceptable time; O God, in the greatness of Your lovingkindness, Answer me with Your saving truth.

### **Isaiah 58:1–12**

**1** "Cry loudly, do not hold back; Raise your voice like a trumpet, And declare to My people their transgression And to the house of Jacob their sins.

**2** "Yet they seek Me day by day and delight to know My ways, As a nation that has done righteousness And has not forsaken the ordinance of their God. They ask Me *for* just decisions, They delight in the nearness of God.

**3** 'Why have we fasted and You do not see? *Why* have we humbled ourselves and You do not notice?' Behold, on the day of your fast you find *your* desire, And drive hard all your workers.

**4** "Behold, you fast for contention and strife and to strike with a wicked fist. You do not fast like *you do* today to make your voice heard on high.

**5** “Is it a fast like this which I choose, a day for a man to humble himself? Is it for bowing one’s head like a reed And for spreading out sackcloth and ashes as a bed? Will you call this a fast, even an acceptable day to the LORD?”

**6** “Is this not the fast which I choose, To loosen the bonds of wickedness, To undo the bands of the yoke, And to let the oppressed go free And break every yoke?”

**7** “Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry And bring the homeless poor into the house; When you see the naked, to cover him; And not to hide yourself from your own flesh?”

**8** “Then your light will break out like the dawn, And your recovery will speedily spring forth; And your righteousness will go before you; The glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.

**9** “Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; You will cry, and He will say, ‘Here I am.’ If you remove the yoke from your midst, The pointing of the finger and speaking wickedness,

**10** And if you give yourself to the hungry And satisfy the desire of the afflicted, Then your light will rise in darkness And your gloom *will become* like midday.

**11** “And the LORD will continually guide you, And satisfy your desire in scorched places, And give strength to your bones; And you will be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water whose waters do not fail.

**12** “Those from among you will rebuild the ancient ruins; You will raise up the age-old foundations; And you will be called the repairer of the breach, The restorer of the streets in which to dwell.

### **Jeremiah 14:10–12**

**10** Thus says the LORD to this people, “Even so they have loved to wander; they have not kept their feet in check. Therefore the LORD does not accept them; now He will remember their iniquity and call their sins to account.”

**11** So the LORD said to me, “Do not pray for the welfare of this people.

**12** “When they fast, I am not going to listen to their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and grain offering, I am not going to accept them. Rather I am going to make an end of them by the sword, famine and pestilence.”

### **Zechariah 7**

**1** In the fourth year of King Darius, the word of the LORD came to Zechariah on the fourth *day* of the ninth month, *which is* Chislev.

**2** Now *the town of* Bethel had sent Sharezer and Regemmelech and their men to seek the favor of the LORD,

**3** speaking to the priests who belong to the house of the LORD of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, “Shall I weep in the fifth month and abstain, as I have done these many years?”

**4** Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying,

5 “Say to all the people of the land and to the priests, ‘When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh months these seventy years, was it actually for Me that you fasted?’

6 ‘When you eat and drink, do you not eat for yourselves and do you not drink for yourselves?’

7 ‘Are not *these* the words which the LORD proclaimed by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and prosperous along with its cities around it, and the Negev and the foothills were inhabited?’ ”

8 Then the word of the LORD came to Zechariah saying,

9 “Thus has the LORD of hosts said, ‘Dispense true justice and practice kindness and compassion each to his brother;

10 and do not oppress the widow or the orphan, the stranger or the poor; and do not devise evil in your hearts against one another.’

11 “But they refused to pay attention and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears from hearing.

12 “They made their hearts *like* flint so that they could not hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets; therefore great wrath came from the LORD of hosts.

13 “And just as He called and they would not listen, so they called and I would not listen,” says the LORD of hosts;

14 “but I scattered them with a storm wind among all the nations whom they have not known. Thus the land is desolated behind them so that no one went back and forth, for they made the pleasant land desolate.”

### **Daniel 9:1–6**

1 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of Median descent, who was made king over the kingdom of the Chaldeans—

2 in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was *revealed as* the word of the LORD to Jeremiah the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, *namely*, seventy years.

3 So I gave my attention to the Lord God to seek *Him* by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth and ashes.

4 I prayed to the LORD my God and confessed and said, “Alas, O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps His covenant and lovingkindness for those who love Him and keep His commandments,

5 we have sinned, committed iniquity, acted wickedly and rebelled, even turning aside from Your commandments and ordinances.

6 “Moreover, we have not listened to Your servants the prophets, who spoke in Your name to our kings, our princes, our fathers and all the people of the land.

**Matthew 4:1–11**

- 1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
- 2 And after He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He then became hungry.
- 3 And the tempter came and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.”
- 4 But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘MAN SHALL NOT LIVE ON BREAD ALONE, BUT ON EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.’ ”
- 5 Then the devil took Him into the holy city and had Him stand on the pinnacle of the temple,
- 6 and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down; for it is written, ‘HE WILL COMMAND HIS ANGELS CONCERNING YOU’; and ‘ON *their* HANDS THEY WILL BEAR YOU UP, SO THAT YOU WILL NOT STRIKE YOUR FOOT AGAINST A STONE.’ ”
- 7 Jesus said to him, “On the other hand, it is written, ‘YOU SHALL NOT PUT THE LORD YOUR GOD TO THE TEST.’ ”
- 8 Again, the devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory;
- 9 and he said to Him, “All these things I will give You, if You fall down and worship me.”
- 10 Then Jesus said to him, “Go, Satan! For it is written, ‘YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.’ ”
- 11 Then the devil left Him; and behold, angels came and *began* to minister to Him.

**Matthew 6:1**

- 1 “Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

**Matthew 6:16–18**

- 16 “Whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the hypocrites *do*, for they neglect their appearance so that they will be noticed by men when they are fasting. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.
- 17 “But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face
- 18 so that your fasting will not be noticed by men, but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

**Luke 5:30–35**

- 30 The Pharisees and their scribes *began* grumbling at His disciples, saying, “Why do you eat and drink with the tax collectors and sinners?”

**31** And Jesus answered and said to them, “*It is* not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick.

**32** “I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

**33** And they said to Him, “The disciples of John often fast and offer prayers, the *disciples* of the Pharisees also do the same, but Yours eat and drink.”

**34** And Jesus said to them, “You cannot make the attendants of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is with them, can you?

**35** “But *the* days will come; and when the bridegroom is taken away from them, then they will fast in those days.”

### **Acts 13:1–3**

**1** Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was *there*, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

**2** While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.”

**3** Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

### **Acts 14:23**

**23** When they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

**Joel Lesson Three****Acts 11:12–18**

**12** “The Spirit told me to go with them without misgivings. These six brethren also went with me and we entered the man’s house.

**13** “And he reported to us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and have Simon, who is also called Peter, brought here;

**14** and he will speak words to you by which you will be saved, you and all your household.’

**15** “And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as *He did* upon us at the beginning.

**16** “And I remembered the word of the Lord, how He used to say, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’

**17** “Therefore if God gave to them the same gift as *He gave* to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God’s way?”

**18** When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, “Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance *that leads* to life.”

**Ephesians 1:13–14**

**13** In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

**14** who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of *God’s own* possession, to the praise of His glory.

**Romans 8:11–14**

**11** But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

**12** So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—

**13** for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

**14** For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

**Romans 8:16**

**16** The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,

**2 Corinthians 13:5**

**5** Test yourselves *to see* if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?

### **Romans 10:8–13**

**8** But what does it say? “THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART”—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching,

**9** that if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;

**10** for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.

**11** For the Scripture says, “WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.”

**12** For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same *Lord* is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him;

**13** for “WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.”

### **Ezekiel 36:22–38**

**22** “Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for My holy name, which you have profaned among the nations where you went.

**23** “I will vindicate the holiness of My great name which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst. Then the nations will know that I am the LORD,” declares the Lord GOD, “when I prove Myself holy among you in their sight.

**24** “For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the lands and bring you into your own land.

**25** “Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

**26** “Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

**27** “I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

**28** “You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers; so you will be My people, and I will be your God.

**29** “Moreover, I will save you from all your uncleanness; and I will call for the grain and multiply it, and I will not bring a famine on you.

**30** “I will multiply the fruit of the tree and the produce of the field, so that you will not receive again the disgrace of famine among the nations.



**31** “Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and your abominations.

**32** “I am not doing *this* for your sake,” declares the Lord GOD, “let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel!”

**33** ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places will be rebuilt.

**34** “The desolate land will be cultivated instead of being a desolation in the sight of everyone who passes by.

**35** “They will say, ‘This desolate land has become like the garden of Eden; and the waste, desolate and ruined cities are fortified *and* inhabited.’

**36** “Then the nations that are left round about you will know that I, the LORD, have rebuilt the ruined places *and* planted that which was desolate; I, the LORD, have spoken and will do it.”

**37** ‘Thus says the Lord GOD, “This also I will let the house of Israel ask Me to do for them: I will increase their men like a flock.

**38** “Like the flock for sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem during her appointed feasts, so will the waste cities be filled with flocks of men. Then they will know that I am the LORD.” ’ ”

### **Isaiah 10:20–23**

**20** Now in that day the remnant of Israel, and those of the house of Jacob who have escaped, will never again rely on the one who struck them, but will truly rely on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel.

**21** A remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the mighty God.

**22** For though your people, O Israel, may be like the sand of the sea, *Only* a remnant within them will return; A destruction is determined, overflowing with righteousness.

**23** For a complete destruction, one that is decreed, the Lord GOD of hosts will execute in the midst of the whole land.

### **Zechariah 13:8–9**

**8** “It will come about in all the land,” Declares the LORD, “That two parts in it will be cut off *and* perish; But the third will be left in it.

**9** “And I will bring the third part through the fire, Refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are My people,’ And they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’ ”

**Daniel 12:1**

1 “Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands *guard* over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.

**Matthew 24:21**

21 “For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.

**Jeremiah 30:1–11**

1 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, ‘Write all the words which I have spoken to you in a book. that I gave to their forefathers and they shall possess it.’ ”

3 ‘For behold, days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will restore the fortunes of My people Israel and Judah.’ The LORD says, ‘I will also bring them back to the land

4 Now these are the words which the LORD spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah:

5 “For thus says the LORD, ‘I have heard a sound of terror, Of dread, and there is no peace.

6 ‘Ask now, and see If a male can give birth. Why do I see every man *With* his hands on his loins, as a woman in childbirth? And *why* have all faces turned pale?

7 ‘Alas! for that day is great, There is none like it; And it is the time of Jacob’s distress, But he will be saved from it.

8 ‘It shall come about on that day,’ declares the LORD of hosts, ‘that I will break his yoke from off their neck and will tear off their bonds; and strangers will no longer make them their slaves.

9 ‘But they shall serve the LORD their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them.

10 ‘Fear not, O Jacob My servant,’ declares the LORD, ‘And do not be dismayed, O Israel; For behold, I will save you from afar And your offspring from the land of their captivity. And Jacob will return and will be quiet and at ease, And no one will make him afraid.

11 ‘For I am with you,’ declares the LORD, ‘to save you; For I will destroy completely all the nations where I have scattered you, Only I will not destroy you completely. But I will chasten you justly And will by no means leave you unpunished.’

**Revelation 16:12–16**

**12** The sixth *angel* poured out his bowl on the great river, the Euphrates; and its water was dried up, so that the way would be prepared for the kings from the east.

**13** And I saw *coming* out of the mouth of the dragon and out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits like frogs;

**14** for they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them together for the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.

**15** (“Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his clothes, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame.”)

**16** And they gathered them together to the place which in Hebrew is called Har-Magedon.

**Revelation 14:17–20**

**17** And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, and he also had a sharp sickle.

**18** Then another angel, the one who has power over fire, came out from the altar; and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, “Put in your sharp sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, because her grapes are ripe.”

**19** So the angel swung his sickle to the earth and gathered *the clusters from* the vine of the earth, and threw them into the great wine press of the wrath of God.

**20** And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and blood came out from the wine press, up to the horses’ bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles.

**Zechariah 14:1–11**

**1** Behold, a day is coming for the LORD when the spoil taken from you will be divided among you.

**2** For I will gather all the nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city will be captured, the houses plundered, the women ravished and half of the city exiled, but the rest of the people will not be cut off from the city.

**3** Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle.

**4** In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.

**5** You will flee by the valley of My mountains, for the valley of the mountains will reach to Azel; yes, you will flee just as you fled before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD, my God, will come, *and* all the holy ones with Him!

**6** In that day there will be no light; the luminaries will dwindle.

7 For it will be a unique day which is known to the LORD, neither day nor night, but it will come about that at evening time there will be light.

8 And in that day living waters will flow out of Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea; it will be in summer as well as in winter.

9 And the LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be *the only* one, and His name *the only* one.

10 All the land will be changed into a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; but Jerusalem will rise and remain on its site from Benjamin's Gate as far as the place of the First Gate to the Corner Gate, and from the Tower of Hananel to the king's wine presses.

11 People will live in it, and there will no longer be a curse, for Jerusalem will dwell in security.

### **Revelation 19:11–21**

11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it *is* called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.

12 His eyes *are* a flame of fire, and on His head *are* many diadems; and He has a name written on *Him* which no one knows except Himself.

13 *He is* clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

14 And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white *and* clean, were following Him on white horses.

15 From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.

16 And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

17 Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in midheaven, "Come, assemble for the great supper of God,

18 so that you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of commanders and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of those who sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free men and slaves, and small and great."

19 And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies assembled to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army.

20 And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone.

21 And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

### **Revelation 6:9–11**

**9** When the Lamb broke the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained;

**10** and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, “How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”

**11** And there was given to each of them a white robe; and they were told that they should rest for a little while longer, until *the number of* their fellow servants and their brethren who were to be killed even as they had been, would be completed also.