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CHAPTER 1

THE burden of Nĭn'ě-vēh.
The book of the vision of
Nā'hūm the Ĕl-kō-shīte.

2 God is jealous, and the LORD
revengeeth; the LORD revengeeth,
and is furious; the LORD will
take vengeance on his
adversaries, and he reserveth
wrath for his enemies.

3 The LORD is slow to anger, and
great in power, and will not at
all acquit *the wicked*: the LORD
hath his way in the whirlwind
and in the storm, and the
clouds *are* the dust of his feet.

4 He rebuketh the sea, and
maketh it dry, and drieth up all
the rivers: Bā'shān
languisheth, and Cār'měl, and
the flower of Lēb-ā-nōn
languisheth.

5 The mountains quake at him,
and the hills melt, and the
earth is burned at his presence,
yea, the world, and all that
dwell therein.

6 Who can stand before his
indignation? and who can
abide in the fierceness of his
anger? his fury is poured out
like fire, and the rocks are
thrown down by him.

7 The LORD is good, a strong
hold in the day of trouble; and
he knoweth them that trust in

him.

8 But with an overrunning
flood he will make an utter end
of the place thereof, and
darkness shall pursue his
enemies.

9 What do ye imagine against
the LORD? he will make an utter
end: affliction shall not rise up
the second time.

10 For while *they be* folden
together as thorns, and while
they are drunken as drunkards,
they shall be devoured as
stubble fully dry.

11 There is *one* come out of
thee, that imagineth evil
against the LORD, a wicked
counsellor.

12 Thus saith the LORD; Though
they be quiet, and likewise
many, yet thus shall they be cut
down, when he shall pass
through. Though I have
afflicted thee, I will afflict thee
no more.

13 For now will I break his yoke
from off thee, and will burst
thy bonds in sunder.

14 And the LORD hath given a
commandment concerning
thee, *that* no more of thy name
be sown: out of the house of thy
gods will I cut off the graven
image and the molten image: I
will make thy grave; for thou

art vile.

15 Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Jūd'-āh, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.

CHAPTER 2

HE that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face: keep the munition, watch the way, make *thy* loins strong, fortify *thy* power mightily.

2 For the LORD hath turned away the excellency of Jā'-cōb, as the excellency of Īś'-rā'-ēl: for the emptiers have emptied them out, and marred their vine branches.

3 The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men *are* in scarlet: the chariots *shall be* with flaming torches in the day of his preparation, and the fir trees shall be terribly shaken.

4 The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings.

5 He shall recount his worthies: they shall stumble in their walk; they shall make haste to the wall thereof, and the

defence shall be prepared.

6 The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall be dissolved.

7 And Hūz'-zāb shall be led away captive, she shall be brought up, and her maids shall lead *her* as with the voice of doves, tabering upon their breasts.

8 But Nīn'-ē-vēh is of old like a pool of water: yet they shall flee away. Stand, stand, *shall they cry*; but none shall look back.

9 Take ye the spoil of silver, take the spoil of gold: for *there is* none end of the store *and* glory out of all the pleasant furniture.

10 She is empty, and void, and waste: and the heart melteth, and the knees smite together, and much pain *is* in all loins, and the faces of them all gather blackness.

11 Where *is* the dwelling of the lions, and the feedingplace of the young lions, where the lion, *even* the old lion, walked, *and* the lion's whelp, and none made *them* afraid?

12 The lion did tear in pieces enough for his whelps, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his holes with prey, and his dens with ravin.

13 Behold, I *am* against thee,

saith the LORD of hosts, and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall devour thy young lions: and I will cut off thy prey from the earth, and the voice of thy messengers shall no more be heard.

CHAPTER 3

WOE to the bloody city! it is all full of lies and robbery; the prey departeth not;

2 The noise of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the pransing horses, and of the jumping chariots.

3 The horseman lifteth up both the bright sword and the glittering spear: and *there is* a multitude of slain, and a great number of carcases; and *there is* none end of *their* corpses; they stumble upon their corpses:

4 Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the well-favoured harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that sellesh nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts.

5 Behold, I *am* against thee, saith the LORD of hosts; and I will discover thy skirts upon thy face, and I will shew the nations thy nakedness, and the

kingdoms thy shame.

6 And I will cast abominable filth upon thee, and make thee vile, and will set thee as a gazingstock.

7 And it shall come to pass, *that* all they that look upon thee shall flee from thee, and say, Nīn'-ē-vēh is laid waste: who will bemoan her? whence shall I seek comforters for thee?

8 Art thou better than populous Nō, that was situate among the rivers, *that had* the waters round about it, whose rampart was the sea, and her wall was from the sea?

9 Ē-thī-ō'-pī-ā and Ē-gŷpt were her strength, and *it was* infinite; Pūt and Lū'-bīm were thy helpers.

10 Yet *was* she carried away, she went into captivity: her young children also were dashed in pieces at the top of all the streets: and they cast lots for her honourable men, and all her great men were bound in chains.

11 Thou also shalt be drunken: thou shalt be hid, thou also shalt seek strength because of the enemy.

12 All thy strong holds *shall be like* fig trees with the firstripe figs: if they be shaken, they shall even fall into the mouth of

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the eater.

13 Behold, thy people in the midst of thee *are* women: the gates of thy land shall be set wide open unto thine enemies: the fire shall devour thy bars.

14 Draw thee waters for the siege, fortify thy strong holds: go into clay, and tread the mortar, make strong the brickkiln.

15 There shall the fire devour thee; the sword shall cut thee off, it shall eat thee up like the cankerworm: make thyself many as the cankerworm, make thyself many as the locusts.

16 Thou hast multiplied thy merchants above the stars of heaven: the cankerworm spoileth, and flieth away.

17 Thy crowned *are* as the locusts, and thy captains as the great grasshoppers, which camp in the hedges in the cold day, *but* when the sun ariseth they flee away, and their place is not known where they *are*.

18 Thy shepherds slumber, O king of Ās-sŷr-ĭ-ă: thy nobles shall dwell *in the dust*: thy people is scattered upon the mountains, and no man gathereth *them*.

19 *There is* no healing of thy bruise; thy wound is grievous: all that hear the bruit of thee shall clap the hands over thee: for upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed continually?