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Proverbs 1:7 (KJV) **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge:**
But **fools** despise **wisdom and instruction.**

Rev. 1:8 (KJV) **I am Alpha and Omega,**
The Beginning and the Ending, says the Lord,
Which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

Psalms 25:11-14 (NLT) **For the honor of Your name,**
O Lord, Forgive my many, many sins.

[12] Who are those who **fear the Lord?**

He will show them the **path** they should choose.

[13] They will **live** in **prosperity**, and their children will **inherit** the **Promised** Land.

[14] **Friendship** with **the Lord** is **reserved** for those who **fear him.**

With them **He shares the secrets of his covenant.**

Luke 12:5 (NLT) **But I'll tell you whom to fear.** Fear **God,**
Who has the power to kill people **and then throw** them into **hell.**

Psalms 25:12 (NLT) **Who are those who fear the Lord?**
He will show them the **path** they should choose.

Psalms 25:14-15 (NLT) **Friendship with the Lord is reserved**
For those who **fear Him.**

With them **He shares the secrets of his covenant.**

[15] My eyes are always looking **to the Lord** for **help,**

For He alone can **rescue** me from the **traps** of my **enemies.**

Psalms 34:7 (NLT) **For the angel of the Lord guards all who fear him,**
And He rescues them.

Psalms 25:12-14 (ESV) **Who is the man who fears the Lord?**

Him will **He instruct** in the **way** that he should choose.

¹³ His soul **shall** abide **in well-being**, and his offspring shall **inherit** the land.

¹⁴ The **friendship** of **the Lord** is **for** those **who fear him,**

And He makes known to them **his covenant.**

Psalms 34:7 (KJV) **The angel of the Lord encamps round about them**
That **fear Him,** and **delivers** them.

Psalms 34:7-9 (ESV) **The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,**
And **delivers** them.

⁸ Oh, taste and see that **the Lord is good! Blessed** is the man **who takes refuge in him!**

⁹ Oh, **fear the Lord,** you **his** saints,

For those who fear Him have no lack!

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Proverbs 3:7-8 (NLT) **Don't be impressed with your own wisdom.**

Instead, **fear the Lord** and **turn** your **back** on evil.

[8] **Then you will gain** renewed **health** and **vitality**.

Eccles. 12:12-13 (KJV) **And further, by these, my son, be admonished** (cautioned):

Of making many books there is no end;

And **much** study is a **weariness** of the **flesh**.

[13] Let us hear the **conclusion** of the whole matter: **Fear God,**

And **keep His commandments:** For **this** is the whole **duty** of man.

Psalms 103:13-17 (NLT) **The Lord is like a Father to his children,**

Tender and compassionate to those who **fear Him.**

[14] **For He understands** how **weak** we are; **he knows** we are **only** dust.

[15] Our days on earth are **like** grass;

Like wildflowers, we **bloom** and **die**.

[16] The wind **blows**, and we are **gone**— As though we had **never** been here.

[17] **But the love of the Lord remains forever with** those who **fear him.**

His salvation extends to the children's children

Psalms 33:13-19 (KJV) **The Lord looks from Heaven;**

He beholds all the sons of men.

[14] **From the place of His habitation he looks upon** all the inhabitants of the earth.

[15] **He fashions** their hearts alike; **he considers** all their works.

[16] There is **no** king saved by the multitude of an host:

A mighty man is **not** delivered by much strength.

[17] An horse is a **vain** thing for safety:

Neither shall He deliver any by his great strength.

[18] Behold, **the eye of the Lord is upon** them that **fear him,**

Upon them that hope **in His mercy;**

[19] **To deliver** their soul from death, **and to keep** them **alive** in famine.

Psalms 34:11-12 (NLT) **Come, my children, and listen to me,**

And I **will teach** you to **fear the Lord.**

[12] **Do any of you want to live a life** that is **long** and **good?**

Psalms 25:12-14 (KJV) **What man is he that fears the Lord?**

Him **shall He teach**

In the **way that He shall choose.**

[13] **His soul shall dwell at ease;** and his seed shall **inherit** the earth.

[14] **The secret of the Lord** is **with** them that **fear him;**

And He will show them **his covenant.**

Proverbs 10:27 (KJV) **The fear of the Lord** prolongs days:

But the years of the **wicked** shall be **shortened.**

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Rev. 20:11-14 (NLT) And I saw a great white throne, and I saw

The One who was sitting on it. The earth

And sky fled from His Presence, But they found no place to hide.

[12] I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne.

And the books were opened, including the Book of Life.

And the dead were judged according to the things written in the books,

According to what they had done.

[13] The sea gave up the dead in it, and death and the grave gave up the dead in them.

They were all judged according to their deeds.

[14] And death and the grave were thrown into the lake of fire.

This is the second death—the lake of fire.

Proverbs 5:21 (KJV) For the ways of man

Are before the eyes of the Lord, and he ponders all his goings.

Proverbs 30:5 (NLT) Every word of God proves true.

He defends all who come to him for protection.

Proverbs 16:6 (NLT) Unfailing love and faithfulness covers sin;

Evil is avoided by fear of the Lord.

Proverbs 14:27 (NLT) Fear of the Lord is a life-giving fountain;

It offers escape from the snares of death.

Daniel 5:20 (NLT) But when his heart and mind were hardened with pride,

He was brought down from his royal throne and stripped of his glory.

James 2:19 (NLT) Do you still think it's enough just to believe that there is one God?

Well, even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror!

Ezekiel 33:12 (NLT) "Son of man, give your people this message:

The good works of righteous people will not save them

If they turn to sin, Nor will the sins of evil people destroy them

If they repent And turn from their sins.

Proverbs 1:28-29 (NLT) "I will not answer when they cry for help.

Even though they anxiously search for Me, they will not find me.

[29] For they hated knowledge and chose not to fear the Lord.

Psalms 25:12-14 (ESV) Who is the man who fears the Lord?

Him will He instruct in the way that he should choose.

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Daniel 5:21-30 (NLT) He was **driven from human society.**

He was **given the mind of an animal,**

And he lived **among** the wild **donkeys**. He ate **grass like** a cow,

And he was **drenched** with the dew of Heaven,

Until he **learned** that

The Most High God Rules the kingdoms of the world

And appoints anyone **He desires** to **rule** over them.

[22] "You **are** his successor, O Belshazzar, and **you knew all this,**

Yet you have not humbled yourself.

[23] For you have **defied the Lord of Heaven** and have had **these cups** from **his Temple**

Brought **before** you. You and your nobles and your wives

And concubines have **been drinking** wine from **them**

While praising gods **of** silver, gold, bronze, iron, wood,

And **stone** gods **that neither** see nor hear **nor know** anything at all.

But you have not honored the God

Who gives you the **breath of life and controls** your **destiny!**

[24] **So God has sent this hand to write a message.**

[25] **"This is the message that was Written:** Mene, Mene, Tekel, Parsin.

[26] **This is what these words mean:**

Mene means 'numbered'—**God has numbered** the days of your reign

And has brought it to an end.

[27] Tekel means 'weighed'—you **have been weighed on the balances**

And have failed the test.

[28] Parsin means 'divided'—your kingdom has **been divided**

And given to the Medes and Persians."

[29] **Then at** Belshazzar's **command,** Daniel was dressed in purple robes,

A gold chain was hung around his neck,

And he **was proclaimed** the third highest ruler in the kingdom.

[30] That very night Belshazzar, **the Babylonian king, was killed.**

Exodus 20:18-20 (NLT) **When the people heard the thunder**

And the loud blast of the horn, and when they saw **the lightning**

And the smoke billowing from the mountain,

They stood at a distance, **trembling with fear.**

[19] And they **said** to Moses, "You **tell** us what **God says,** and we will **listen.**

But **don't** let **God** speak directly to us. **If he** does, we will **die!**"

[20] **"Don't** be afraid," Moses said,

"For God has come in this way to show you **his awesome power.**

From now on, **let your fear of Him keep** you from sinning!"

Exodus 33:19 (NLT) **The Lord replied, "I will make all my goodness pass before you,**

And I will call out my name, 'the Lord,' to you.

I will show kindness to anyone **I choose,**

And I will show mercy to anyone **I choose.**

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Luke 3:9 (NLT) **Even now the ax of God's judgment is poised,**
Ready to sever your roots.

Yes, every tree **that does not produce good fruit**
Will be **chopped down** And thrown **into the fire.**"

Luke 3:9 (KJV) **And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees:**

Every tree therefore **which brings not forth good fruit** is **hewn down,**
And **cast** into the **fire.**

Luke 12:5 (KJV) **But I will forewarn you whom you shall fear:**

Fear **Him,** **which after he has killed**
Has power to cast into hell; yes, I say unto you, **Fear Him.**

Luke 12:5 (NLT) **But I'll tell you whom to fear. Fear God,**

Who has the power to kill people and then throw them into **hell.**

Rev. 20:13 (NLT) **The Sea gave up the dead in it, and death and the grave**

Gave up the dead in them.
They were **all judged according to their deeds.**

Rev. 20:13 (KJV) **And the sea gave up the dead which were in it;**

And **death** and **hell** delivered up the **dead** which were **in them:**
And they were **judged every man according to their works.**

Genesis 38:9-10 (NLT) **But Onan was not willing to have a child**

Who would **not be** his own heir.
So whenever he had **intercourse** with Tamar,
He spilled the semen on the ground
To keep her from having a baby who would belong to his brother.

[10] **But the Lord considered it a wicked thing for Onan**

To deny a child to his dead brother. So the Lord took Onan's life, too.

Isaiah 45:7 (KJV) **I form the light, and create darkness:**

I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things.

1 Kings 9:8-9 (NLT) **And though this Temple is impressive now,**

It **will become an appalling sight**
For all who pass by. They will **scoff** and **ask,**
'Why did **the Lord do such terrible things to his land**
And to His Temple?'

[9] **And the answer will be, 'Because His people forgot the Lord their God,**

Who brought their ancestors out of Egypt,
And **they worshiped other gods instead.**
That is why **the Lord has brought all these disasters upon them.' "**

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1 Kings 11:9-11 (KJV) And the Lord was angry with Solomon,
Because his heart was turned from the Lord God of Israel,
Which had appeared unto him twice,
[10] And had commanded him concerning this thing,
That he should not go after other gods:
But he kept not that which the Lord commanded.
[11] Wherefore the Lord said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of you,
And you have not kept My covenant and my statutes,
Which I have commanded you,
I will surely take the kingdom from you, and will give it to your servant.

1 Kings 13:20-24 (KJV) And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that
The word of the Lord came unto the prophet that brought him back:
[21] And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying,
Thus says the Lord,
Forasmuch as you have disobeyed the mouth of the Lord,
And have not kept the commandment
Which the Lord your God commanded you,
[22] But came back, and have eaten bread and drunk water in the place,
Of the which the Lord did say to you, eat no bread, and drink no water;
Your carcass shall not come unto the sepulcher of your fathers.
[23] And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk,
That he saddled for him the ass,
For the prophet whom he had brought back.
[24] And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him:
And his carcass was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it,
The lion also stood by the carcass.

1 Kings 14:7-11 (NLT) Give your husband, Jeroboam, this message from the Lord,
The God of Israel: 'I promoted you from the ranks
Of the common people and made you ruler over My people Israel.
[8] I ripped the kingdom away from the family of David and gave it to you.
But you have not been like My servant David,
Who obeyed My commands and followed me with all his heart
And always did whatever I wanted him to do.
[9] You have done more evil than all who lived before you. You have made other gods
And have made Me furious with your gold calves.
And since you have turned your back on Me,
[10] I will bring disaster on your dynasty and kill all your sons, slave or free alike.
I will burn up your royal dynasty
As one burns up trash until it is all gone.
[11] I, the Lord, vow that the members of your family who die in the city
Will be eaten by dogs,
And those who die in the field will be eaten by vultures.' "

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Deut. 3:25-27 (NLT) **Please let me cross** the Jordan to see the wonderful land

On the other side, the beautiful hill country and the Lebanon mountains.'

[26] "**But the Lord was angry with** me because of you,

And He would not listen to me.

'**That's enough!**' **He ordered.** 'Speak of it no more.

[27] You can go to Pisgah Peak and **view** the land in every direction,

But you may not cross the Jordan River.

Deut. 4:23-24 (NLT) So be **careful not to break** the covenant the Lord your God

Has made with you.

You will **break it if you make idols** of any shape or form,

For the Lord your God has absolutely forbidden this.

[24] The Lord your God is a devouring fire, a jealous God.

Deut. 4:26 (NLT) "Today I call Heaven and earth as witnesses **against** you.

If you **disobey** me (Moses' commands from God) , **you will quickly disappear**

From the land you are crossing the Jordan to **occupy.**

You will live there **only a short** time; **then you will be utterly destroyed.**

Deut. 4:32-40 (NLT) "Search all of history, from the time God created people

On the earth **until** now.

Then search from one end of the Heavens to the other.

See if anything as great as this has ever happened before.

[33] Has any nation ever **heard the voice of God speaking from fire**—

As you did—and survived?

[34] Has **any other** god taken one nation for himself by **rescuing** it from another?

By means of trials, miraculous signs, wonders, war, awesome power,

And terrifying acts? **Yet that is what the Lord** your God did

For you in Egypt, Right before your very eyes.

[35] "**He showed** you these **things** so you would **realize**

That the Lord is God and that there is **no other** god.

[36] **He let** you **hear his voice from Heaven so he could instruct** you.

He let you **see his great fire here on** earth

So He could speak to you **from it.**

[37] Because **He loved** your ancestors, **he chose to bless** their descendants and

Personally brought you **out** of Egypt **with a great display of power.**

[38] **He drove out** nations far greater than you, **so he could bring** you **in**

And give you their land as a **special possession**, as it **is** today.

[39] So remember **this** and **keep** it **firmly in** mind: the Lord is God

Both in Heaven and on earth, **and there is no other god!**

[40] If you **obey all the laws and commands** that I will **give** you today,

All will be well with you and your children.

Then you will **enjoy** a long life

In the land the Lord your God is giving you for all time."

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Deut. 5:23-29 (KJV) **And it came to pass, when you heard the voice**

Out of the midst of the darkness,

(For the mountain **did burn with fire,**) that you came **near unto** me,
Even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders;

[24] **And you said, behold, the Lord our God has showed us his glory
And His greatness**

And we have **heard His voice out of the midst of the fire:**

We have **seen** this day that **God does talk with man, and he lives.**

[25] Now therefore **why** should we **die**?

For this great fire will consume us:

If we hear **the voice of the Lord our God** any more, then we shall **die.**

[26] For who **is there** of all flesh,

That has heard the voice of the living God

Speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived?

[27] **Go yourself near, and hear all that the Lord our God shall say:**

And you **speak** unto us **all**

That the Lord our God shall speak unto you;

And we will **hear it,** and **do it.**

[28] **And the Lord heard the voice of your words, when you spoke unto me;**

And the Lord said unto me,

I have heard the voice of the words of this people,

Which they have **spoken** unto you:

They have **well said** all that they have **spoken.**

[29] **O that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear Me,**

And **keep all My commandments** always,

That it **might** be **well** with them and **with** their children **forever!**

Deut. 6:13-16 (KJV) **You shall fear the Lord your God,**

And **serve Him,** and shall **swear** by **his name.**

[14] **You shall not go after other gods,**

Of the gods of the people which are **round about you;**

[15] **(For the Lord your God is a jealous God among you) lest **the anger of the Lord****

Your **God be kindled against you,**

And destroy you from **off the face of the earth.**

[16] **You shall not tempt the Lord your God, as you **tempted him** in Massah.**

Deut. 10:12-14 (KJV) **And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you,**

But to fear the Lord your God,

To walk **in all His ways,** and to **love him,** And to **serve the Lord**

Your **God with all your heart and **with** all your soul,**

[13] To **keep the commandments of the Lord,**

And His statutes, which I **command you this day **for your good?****

[14] **Behold,** the **Heaven** and **the Heaven of heavens is the Lord's** your **God,**

The earth **also,** **with all that is in it.**

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Deut. 10:12-14 (NLT) "And now, Israel, What does the Lord
Your God require of you? He requires you to fear him,
To live according to His will,
To love and worship Him with all your heart and soul,
[13] And to obey the Lord's commands and laws that I am giving you today
For your own good.
[14] The highest Heavens and the earth and everything in it
All belong to the Lord your God.

Daniel 9:11-12 (NLT) All Israel has disobeyed Your law and turned away,
Refusing to listen to Your voice.
"So now the solemn curses and judgments
Written in the law of Moses, the servant of God,
Have been poured out against us because of our sin.
[12] You have done exactly what you warned
You would do against us and our rulers.
Never in all history has there been a disaster like the one
That happened in Jerusalem.

1 Kings 13:4-6 (NLT) King Jeroboam was very angry with the man of God
For speaking against the altar.
So he pointed at the man and shouted, "Seize that man!"
But instantly the king's hand became paralyzed in that position,
And he couldn't pull it back.
[5] At the same time a wide crack appeared in the altar, and the ashes poured out,
Just as the man of God had predicted in his message from the Lord.
[6] The king cried out to the man of God,
"Please ask the Lord your God to restore my hand again!"
"So the man of God prayed to the Lord,
And the king's hand became normal again.

Deut. 8:19 (KJV) And it shall be, if you do at all forget the Lord your God,
And walk after other gods,
And serve them, and worship them;
I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish.

Proverbs 28:14 (KJV) Happy is the man that fears always:
But he that hardens his heart shall fall into mischief.

Isaiah 45:6-7 (ESV) That people may know, from the rising of the sun
And from the west, that there is none besides Me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
⁷ I form light and create darkness, I make well-being and create calamity,
I am the Lord, who does all these things.

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- Numbers 16:1-16 (KJV) Now **Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath,**
The son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram,
The sons of Eliab, and on, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, **took men:**
- [2] **And they rose up** before Moses,
With certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes
Of the assembly, **famous in** the congregation, men **of renown:**
- [3] And they **gathered** themselves together **against Moses and against Aaron,**
And **said unto** them, you **take** too much upon you,
Seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them,
And **the Lord** is among them: **Wherefore then**
Lift you up yourselves **above** the congregation of **the Lord?**
- [4] **And when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face:**
- [5] And he **spoke unto** Korah **and unto** all his company, **saying,**
Even tomorrow **the Lord will show** who **are his, and who is holy;**
And will cause him to come near **unto Him:**
Even him whom **He has chosen will he cause to** come **near unto him.**
- [6] **This do;** Take you censers, Korah, and all his company;
- [7] And **put fire** therein, and **put incense** in them **before the Lord** tomorrow:
And **it shall be** that **the man whom the Lord does choose,**
He **shall be holy:** You take too much **upon** you, you **sons** of Levi.
- [8] **And Moses said** unto Korah, **Hear, I pray** you, you sons of Levi:
- [9] **Seems it** but a **small thing** unto you, that
The God of Israel **has separated** you **from** the congregation of Israel,
To **bring you near** to **Himself**
To **do the service of** the tabernacle **of the Lord,**
And to **stand before** the congregation to **minister unto** them?
- [10] **And He has brought** you **near** to **him,**
And all your brethren the sons of Levi with you:
And seek you the priesthood also?
- [11] **For which cause** both you **and all** your company **are gathered** together
Against the Lord: and what is Aaron **that you murmur against him?**
- [12] And Moses **sent** to **call** Dathan and Abiram,
The sons of Eliab: which **said,** we **will not** come up:
- [13] **Is it a small thing** that you have brought us **up out** of a land
That flows with milk and honey, To kill us in the wilderness,
Except you make yourself altogether a prince over us?
- [14] Moreover you have **not brought** us into a land that flows with milk and honey,
Or given us inheritance of fields and vineyards:
Will you **put out** the eyes of these men? **We will not** come up.
- [15] And Moses **was** very **wroth, and said unto the Lord,**
Respect **not You** their **offering:**
I have **not taken** one ass **from** them, **neither have I hurt one of them.**
- [16] **And Moses said** unto Korah, you and all your company be **before the Lord,**
You, and they, and Aaron, **tomorrow:** (Story continued on page 4k)

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Numbers 16:17-34 (KJV) (continuation from page 4j)

- [17] **And take every man his censer, and put incense in them,**
And bring you before **the Lord** every man his censer, 250 censers;
You also, and Aaron, **each of you his censer.**
- [18] **And they took every man his censer, and put fire** in them,
And **laid incense** thereon, And **stood** in the **door** of the **tabernacle**
Of the congregation **with** Moses and Aaron.
- [19] **And Korah gathered** the entire congregation **against** them
Unto the door of the **tabernacle** of the congregation:
And the glory of the Lord appeared unto the entire congregation.
- [20] **And the Lord spoke unto** Moses and unto Aaron, **saying,**
- [21] **Separate yourselves from** among **this** congregation,
That I may consume them **in a moment.**
- [22] **And they fell upon** their faces, and **said, O God, the God of** the **spirits** of all flesh,
Shall one man **sin**, and **will You be wroth with** the entire congregation?
- [23] **And the Lord spoke unto** Moses, **saying,**
- [24] **Speak unto** the congregation, **saying,**
Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.
- [25] And Moses **rose up** and **went unto** Dathan and Abiram;
And the elders of Israel **followed** him.
- [26] **And he spoke unto** the congregation, **saying,**
Depart, I pray you, **from** the tents of these **wicked** men,
And **touch nothing** of theirs, lest you be **consumed in** all their **sins.**
- [27] **So they gat up** from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, On every side:
And Dathan and Abiram **came out**, And **stood in** the door of their tents,
And their wives, and their sons, And their little children.
- [28] And Moses **said, by this you shall know that** **the Lord has sent** me
To do all these works; for I have **not done** them of mine own mind.
- [29] **If** these men **die** the **common death** of all men,
Or **if** they be visited **after** the **visitation** of all men;
Then **the Lord has** not sent me.
- [30] But if **the Lord** make a **new thing**, **and** the earth **open** her mouth,
And **swallow** them **up**, with all that appertain unto them,
And they go **down** quick **into** the **pit**;
Then you shall **understand** that **these men have provoked** **the Lord.**
- [31] And it **came** to **pass**, as he had made **an end** of **speaking** all these words,
That the ground **clave asunder** that was **under** them:
- [32] **And the earth opened** her mouth, and **swallowed** them up, and their houses,
And all the men that **appertained** unto Korah, **and all** their goods.
- [33] They, **and all** that appertained to them, went **down** alive **into** the **pit**,
And the earth closed upon them:
And they **perished** from among the congregation.
- [34] And all Israel that were round about them **fled at the cry** of them: For they **said**,
Lest the earth **swallow** us up also. (Story continued on page 4l)

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Numbers 16:35-50 (KJV) (Continuation from page 4k)

- [35] **And there came out a fire from the Lord,**
And consumed the two hundred and fifty men **that offered** incense.
- [36] **And the Lord spoke unto** Moses, **saying,**
- [37] **Speak unto Eleazar** the son of Aaron the priest,
That he **take up** the **censers out of** the **burning,**
And you **scatter** the **fire** yonder; For they are **hallowed.**
- [38] The **censers** of these **sinner** **against** their own souls,
Let them **make them** broad plates for a **covering** of the **altar:**
For they **offered them** before **the Lord,** therefore they are **hallowed:**
And they **shall be** a **sign** unto the children of Israel.
- [39] And Eleazar the priest **took** the brasen **censers,**
Wherewith they that were burnt had **offered;**
And **they** were made broad **plates** for a **covering** of the **altar:**
- [40] **To be a memorial** unto the children of Israel,
That no stranger, which is **not** of the seed of Aaron, **come near**
To **offer incense** before **the Lord;**
That he **be not** as Korah, **and as** his **company:**
As the Lord said to him **by** the hand of Moses.
- [41] **But on** the **morrow** **all the congregation of** the children of Israel **murmured**
Against Moses and **against** Aaron,
Saying, you **have killed** the people of **the Lord.**
- [42] **And it came to pass,** when the congregation was **gathered against** Moses
And **against** Aaron,
That they **looked toward** the **tabernacle** of the congregation:
And, behold, the **cloud** covered **it,** and **the glory of the Lord appeared.**
- [43] And Moses and Aaron **came before** the **tabernacle** of the congregation.
- [44] **And the Lord spoke unto** Moses, **saying,**
- [45] **Get** you up **from among** this congregation,
That I may consume them as **in a moment.**
And they **fell upon** their faces.
- [46] And Moses **said** unto Aaron,
Take a censer, and **put fire** therein **from off** the **altar,**
And **put** on **incense,** and **go quickly** unto the congregation,
And **make an atonement** for them:
For there is wrath gone out from the Lord; the **plague** is begun.
- [47] And Aaron **took as** Moses **commanded,** And ran into the midst of the congregation;
And, behold, **the plague was begun** among the people:
And he **put** on **incense,** and **made** an **atonement** for the people.
- [48] And **he stood between the dead** and the **living;** and the **plague** was **stayed.**
- [49] Now they that **died** in the **plague** were fourteen **thousand** and seven hundred,
Beside them that **died about** the **matter** of Korah.
- [50] And Aaron **returned** unto Moses unto the door of the **tabernacle**
Of the congregation: **And the plague was stayed.**

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Proverbs 19:23 (KJV) **The fear of the Lord tends to life:**

And he that has **it** shall abide **satisfied**;
He **shall not** be visited **with** evil.

Proverbs 19:23 (NLT) **Fear of the Lord gives life, Security, and protection** from harm.

Proverbs 23:17-18 (KJV) **Let not your heart envy sinners:**

But you be in the fear of the Lord all the day long.

[18] For **surely** there **is** an **end**; and your **expectation** shall **not** be cut off.

Proverbs 23:17-18 (NLT) **Don't envy sinners, but always continue to fear the Lord.**

[18] For **surely** you have a **future ahead** of you;
Your **hope** **will not** be disappointed.

Joshua 23:14-16 (KJV) **And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth:**

And you **know** in all your hearts and in all your souls,

That not one thing has failed

Of all the **good** things **which the Lord** your **God spoke concerning** you;

All are come to pass unto you,

And **not one thing has failed** there of.

[15] **Therefore it shall come to pass**, that as all **good** things **are come** upon you,

Which the Lord your **God promised** you;

So shall the Lord bring upon you all **evil** things,

Until **He have destroyed** you

From **off** this **good** land which **the Lord** your **God has given** you.

[16] **When you have transgressed the covenant of the Lord** your **God,**

Which He commanded you, and have **gone** and served **other** gods,

And **bowed** yourselves to **them**;

Then shall the anger of the Lord be kindled against you,

And you **shall perish** quickly from off the **good** land

Which **He has given unto** you.

Joshua 24:19-22 (KJV) **And Joshua said unto the people,**

You cannot serve the Lord: for he is an holy God;

He is a jealous God;

He will not forgive **your transgressions** nor your **sins**.

[20] **If you forsake the Lord**, and serve **strange** gods,

Then **He will turn and do** you **hurt, and consume** you,

After that **He has done** you **good**.

[21] And the people said unto Joshua, **Nay**; but we will **serve the Lord**.

[22] And Joshua **said** unto the people, you **are witnesses against** yourselves

That you have chosen you **the Lord**, to **serve him**.

And they said, we **are witnesses**.

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Joshua 24:19-22 (NLT) Then Joshua said to the people, "**You are not able**

To serve **the Lord, for he is a holy and jealous God.**

He will not forgive your **rebellion** and **sins.**

[20] **If you forsake the Lord** and serve **other** gods,

He will turn against you

And destroy you, even though **He has been so good to** you."

[21] But the people answered Joshua, saying,

"**No, we are determined to serve the Lord!**"

[22] "You are **accountable for this decision,**" Joshua said.

"You have **chosen to serve the Lord.**"

"**Yes,**" they replied, "we are **accountable.**"

Joshua 5:6 (KJV) **For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness,**

Till all the people that were men of war,

Which **came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not**

The voice of the Lord:

Unto whom **the Lord swore that he would not show** them the land,

Which **the Lord swore unto their fathers that he would give** us,

A **land** that flows **with milk** and **honey.**

Joshua 5:6 (NLT) **The Israelites wandered in the wilderness for forty years**

Until all the men who were old enough

To bear arms when they left Egypt had died.

For they had disobeyed the Lord,

And the Lord vowed

He would not let them enter the land

He had sworn to give us—A land **flowing** with milk and honey.

Joshua 11:20 (NLT) **For the Lord hardened their hearts**

And caused them to **fight** the Israelites **instead of asking for peace.**

So they were completely and **mercilessly destroyed,**

As the Lord had commanded Moses.

Joshua 11:20 (KJV) **For it was of the Lord to harden their hearts,**

That they **should** come **against** Israel in battle,

That he might **destroy** them **utterly, and that they might have no favor,**

But that he might **destroy** them,

As the Lord commanded Moses.

Joshua 24:14 (KJV) **Now therefore fear the Lord,**

And **serve Him in sincerity and in Truth:**

And **put away** the gods

Which your fathers **served** on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt;

And **serve** you **the Lord.**

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Joshua 24:14 (NLT) "So **honor the Lord** and **serve him** wholeheartedly.
Put away forever the **idols** your ancestors worshiped
When they lived **beyond** the Euphrates River **and in** Egypt.
Serve the Lord alone.

Proverbs 9:10-11 (KJV) **The fear of the Lord** is the beginning of **wisdom**:
And the **knowledge of the Holy** is **understanding**.
[11] **For by Me** your days shall be **multiplied**,
And the years of your life shall be **increased**.

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[11] **Wisdom** will **multiply** your days and **add** years to your life.

Revelation 3:14-19 (ESV) "And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write:
The words of the Amen, the Faithful and True witness,
The Beginning of God's creation.
¹⁵ "I know your works: **you are neither cold nor hot**.
Would that you **were either** cold or hot!
¹⁶ So, because you are **lukewarm**, and neither hot nor cold,
I will spit you *out of my mouth*.
¹⁷ **For you say**, I am rich, I have prospered, and I **need nothing**,
Not realizing that you **are** wretched, **pitiable**, poor, blind, **and** naked.
¹⁸ *I counsel* you to **buy** from *me* **gold refined by fire**, so that you **may be rich**,
And **white** garments so that you **may clothe** yourself
And the **shame** of your nakedness **may not** be seen,
And **salve** to **anoint** your eyes, so that you **may see**.
¹⁹ Those whom *I love, I reprove and discipline*, **so be zealous and repent**.

Proverbs 15:11 (NLT) **Even the depths of Death and destruction**
Are known by the Lord.
How much more does He know the human heart!

Isaiah 13:11-13 (ESV) **I will punish** the world for its **evil**,
And the **wicked** for their **iniquity**;
I will put an end to the pomp of the **arrogant**,
And lay low the pompous **pride** of the ruthless.
¹² **I will make** people **more rare** than fine gold, and mankind than the gold of Ophir.
¹³ Therefore **I will make** the Heavens **tremble**,
And the earth will be **shaken out of its place**,
At the wrath of the Lord of hosts in the day of his fierce anger.

Proverbs 16:2 (KJV) **All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes**;
But the Lord weighs the spirits.

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Mark 8:38 (NLT) If a person is ashamed of Me and my message

In these adulterous And sinful days, I, the Son of man,

Will be ashamed of that person

When I return in the glory of my Father with the holy angels."

Mark 8:38 (KJV) Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of my words

In this adulterous and sinful generation;

Of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed,

When He comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Numbers 12:1-14 (KJV) And Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses

Because of the Ethiopian (black lady) woman whom he had married:

For he had married an Ethiopian (black lady) woman.

[2] And they said, has the Lord indeed spoken only by Moses?

Has He not spoken also by us? And the Lord heard it.

[3] (Now the man Moses was very meek,

Above all the men which were upon the face of the earth.)

[4] And the Lord spoke suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam,

Come out you three unto the tabernacle of the congregation.

And they three came out.

[5] And the Lord came down in the pillar of the cloud,

And stood in the door of the tabernacle,

And called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth.

[6] And He said, hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you,

I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision,

And will speak unto him in a dream.

[7] My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house.

[8] With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently,

And not in dark speeches;

And the similitude of the Lord shall he behold:

Wherefore then were you not afraid to speak against My servant Moses?

[9] And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them; And he departed.

[10] And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle;

And, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow:

And Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous.

[11] And Aaron said unto Moses, Alas, my lord, I beseech you; lay not the sin upon us,

In this we have done foolishly, and in this we have sinned.

[12] Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed

When he comes out of his mother's womb.

[13] And Moses cried unto the Lord, saying, heal her now, O God, I beg you earnestly.

[14] And the Lord said unto Moses, If her father had but spit in her face,

Should she not be ashamed seven days?

Let her be shut out from the camp seven days,

And after that let her be received in again.

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Proverbs 16:6 (KJV) **By mercy and Truth iniquity is purged:**
And by the fear of the Lord men **depart** from evil.

Psalms 25:14 (KJV) **The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him;**
And He will show them **his covenant.**

1 Samuel 12:24 (KJV) **Only fear the Lord, and serve him in Truth**
With all your heart:
For **consider** how **great** things **He has done for** you.

Proverbs 1:23-29 (NLT) **Come here and listen to Me!**
I'll pour out the Spirit of wisdom upon you **and make** you **wise.**

[24] **"I called** you **so often,**
But you didn't come.
I reached out to you, but **you paid no** attention.

[25] You **ignored My advice**
And **rejected the correction I offered.**

[26] **So I will laugh when** you are in **trouble!**
I will mock you **when disaster** overtakes you—

[27] When **calamity** overcomes you **like** a storm, when you **are** engulfed by **trouble,**
And when **anguish** and **distress** overwhelm you.

[28] **"I will not** answer
When they cry for help. Even though they **anxiously search** for **Me,**
They will **not** find **Me.**

[29] For they **hated knowledge** and **chose not** to **fear the Lord.**

Proverbs 1:24-29 (KJV) **Because I have called, and you refused;**
I have stretched out my hand And **no** man regarded;

[25] But you have **set** as **nothing all My counsel,**
And would **none** of **My reproof** (God's correction);

[26] **I also will laugh at** your **calamity;**
I will mock when your **fear** comes;

[27] When your **fear** comes as **desolation,** and your **destruction** comes as a **whirlwind;**
When **distress** and **anguish** comes **upon** you.

[28] **Then shall they call upon Me,**
But I will not answer; they **shall seek me** early,
But they shall not find **Me:**

[29] For that they **hated knowledge,** and **did not choose** the **fear of the Lord:**

Psalms 25:14 (ESV) **The friendship of the Lord is for those who fear him,**
And He makes known to them his covenant.

Psalms 34:11 (ESV) **Come, O children, listen to me;**
I will **teach** you **the fear of the Lord.**

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1 Samuel 12:24 (NLT) But **be sure to fear the Lord** and sincerely **worship him**.
Think of all the **wonderful** things **He has done for you**.

Deuteronomy 32:18-25 (ESV) You were **unmindful of the Rock that bore you**,
And you **forgot the God who gave you birth**.

¹⁹ **"The Lord saw it and spurned them,**

Because of the **provocation** of his sons and his daughters.

²⁰ **And He said, 'I will hide my face from them; I will see what their end will be,**
For they are a **perverse** generation, children in whom **is no** faithfulness.

²¹ **They have made Me jealous** with what is **no** god;

They **have** provoked **Me to anger with their idols**.

So I will make them **jealous with** those who **are no** people;

I will provoke them to **anger with** a foolish nation.

²² **For a fire is kindled by My anger, and it burns to the depths of Sheol,**

Devours the earth and its increase,

And sets on fire the foundations of the mountains.

²³ **"And I will heap disasters upon them; I will spend my arrows on** them;

²⁴ They shall be **wasted with hunger**, and devoured **by plague**

And **poisonous** pestilence; **I will send** the teeth **of** beasts **against** them,

With the **venom** of things that **crawl in** the dust.

²⁵ Outdoors the sword shall **bereave**, and indoors **terror**,

For young man and woman **alike**,

The nursing child **with** the man of gray hairs.

Psalms 2:11-12 (KJV) **Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.**

[12] **Kiss the Son**, lest **He be angry**, and you **perish** from the way,

When **His wrath is kindled but a little**.

Blessed are all they **that put their trust in Him**.

Psalms 2:11-12 (NLT) **Serve the Lord with reverent fear,**

And **rejoice** with trembling.

[12] **Submit to God's royal Son,**

Or **He will become angry**,

And you will be **destroyed** in the midst of your pursuits—

For His anger can flare up in an instant.

But what **joy** for all **who find protection in Him!**

Psalms 31:19 (KJV) **Oh how great is Your goodness, which you have laid up for them**

That fear You;

Which You have wrought (put together, created) **for** them

That trust **in You before** the sons of men!

Psalms 46:10 (KJV) **Be still, and know that I am God:**

I will be exalted among the heathen, **I will be exalted in** the earth.

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Psalm 31:19 (NLT) **Your goodness is so great!**

You have stored up great blessings for those who **honor you.**
You have done so much for those who **come to you** for protection,
Blessing them **before** the **watching** world.

Job 28:28 (NLT) **And this is what He says to** all humanity:

The fear of the Lord is **true wisdom;**
To **forsake** evil is **real understanding.** ' "

Psalm 34:16 (KJV) **The face of the Lord is against** them that do **evil,**

To **cut off** the remembrance of them **from** the earth.

Psalm 34:16 (NLT) **But the Lord turns his face against** those who do **evil;**

He will erase their memory **from** the earth.

Psalm 33:8-11 (KJV) **Let all the earth fear the Lord:**

Let all the inhabitants of the world **stand in awe of Him.**

[9] **For He spoke, and it was done;**

He commanded, and it stood fast.

[10] **The Lord brings** the counsel of the heathen to **nothing:**

He makes the devices of the people of **none** effect.

[11] **The counsel of the Lord stands forever,**

The thoughts of His heart to all generations.

Psalm 33:8-11 (NLT) **Let everyone in the world fear the Lord,**

And let everyone stand in awe **of Him.**

[9] **For when He spoke,** the world **began!**

It appeared **at His command.**

[10] **The Lord shatters** the plans of the nations **and thwarts** all their schemes.

[11] **But the Lord's plans stand firm forever;**

His intentions can never be shaken.

Proverbs 13:13-14 (KJV) **Whoso despises the Word shall be destroyed:**

But he that **fears the commandment**

Shall be rewarded.

[14] **The law** of the wise **is** a fountain of **life,** to **depart from** the snares of **death.**

Proverbs 13:13-14 (NLT) **People who despise advice will find themselves in trouble;**

Those who **respect it** will **succeed.**

[14] The **advice** (God's **advice from his word**) of the **wise is like** a **life-giving** fountain;

Those who **accept it** **avoid** the snares of death.

Proverbs 14:27 (KJV) **The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life,**

To **depart from** the snares of death.

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1 Peter 1:17 (NLT) **And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray Has no favorites when He judges. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you **must** live in reverent fear of Him **During your time as foreigners here on earth.****

1 Peter 1:17 (KJV) **And if you call on the Father, Who without respect of persons judges according to every man's work, Pass the **time** of your sojourning here in fear:**

Psalms 46:4-7 (KJV) **There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad The city of God, The **holy** place of the tabernacles of the Most High.**
[5] God is in the midst of her; she shall **not** be moved:
God shall help her, and that right early.
[6] The heathen **raged,** the kingdoms were moved: He uttered his voice,
The earth **melted.**
[7] The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

Psalms 50:22-23 (NLT) **Repent, all of you who ignore Me, or I will tear you apart, And **no** one will help you.**
[23] **But giving thanks is a sacrifice that truly honors Me. If you keep to My path, I will reveal to you the salvation of God."**

Psalms 46:4-7 (NLT) **A river brings joy to the city of our God, The sacred home of the Most High.**
[5] God himself lives in that city; it cannot be destroyed.
God will protect it at the break of day.
[6] **The nations are in an uproar,**
And kingdoms **crumble! God thunders** and the earth **melts!**
[7] The Lord Almighty is here among us;
The God of Israel is our fortress.

Psalms 50:22-23 (KJV) **Now consider this, you that forget God, Lest I tear you in pieces, And there be **none** to deliver.**
[23] **Whoso offers praise glorifies Me: And to him that orders his conversation aright Will I show the salvation of God.**

Psalms 46:10 (NLT) **"Be silent, and know that I am God! I will be honored By every nation. I will be honored throughout the world."**

Proverbs 14:12 (KJV) **There is a way which seems right unto a man, But the **end** there of are the ways of death.**

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Isaiah 1:27-28 (KJV) **Zion shall be redeemed with judgment,**

And her converts **with righteousness.**

[28] And the **destruction** of the transgressors and of the **sinner**s shall be **together**,
And they that **forsake the Lord** shall be **consumed**.

Isaiah 1:27-28 (NLT) **Because the Lord is just and righteous,**

The **repentant** people of Jerusalem **will be redeemed.**

[28] But all **sinner**s will be completely **destroyed**,
For they **refuse to come to the Lord**.

Isaiah 1:27-28 (ESV) **Zion shall be redeemed by justice, And those in her who repent,**

By righteousness (God's gift of grace given to man through Jesus).

²⁸ But **rebels** and **sinner**s shall be **broken** together,
And those who **forsake the Lord** shall be **consumed**.

Isaiah 2:12-19 (KJV) **For the day of the Lord of hosts**

Shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty,

And upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

[13] **And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up,**

And upon all the oaks of Bashan,

[14] **And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up,**

[15] **And upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall,**

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

[17] **And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down,**

And the **haughtiness** of men **shall be made low:**

And the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.

[18] And the **idols He shall utterly abolish.**

[19] And they shall **go into** the holes of the rocks, **and into** the caves of the earth,

For fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty,

When He arises to shake terribly the earth.

Isaiah 2:12-19 (NLT) **In that day the Lord Almighty will punish the proud,**

Bringing them down to the dust.

[13] **He will cut down** the tall cedars of Lebanon **and** the mighty oaks of Bashan.

[14] **He will level** the high mountains **and** hills.

[15] **He will break down** every high tower **and** wall.

[16] **He will destroy** the great trading ships **and** all the small boats in the harbor.

[17] **The arrogance of all people** will be brought **low**.

Their **pride** will **lie** in the **dust**. **The Lord alone will be exalted!**

[18] **Idols** will be utterly **abolished** and **destroyed**.

[19] **When the Lord rises to shake** the earth,

His enemies will **crawl with fear** into holes **in** the ground.

They will **hide** in caves **in** the rocks from **the terror of the Lord**

And the glory of His majesty.

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Isaiah 3:8-11 (KJV) For Jerusalem is **ruined**, and Judah is **fallen**:

Because their tongue **and their doings are against the Lord**,

To **provoke the eyes of His glory**.

[9] The show of their countenance **does** witness **against** them;

And they **declare** their **sin** as Sodom, they hide it **not**.

Woe unto their soul! for they **have rewarded evil** unto themselves.

[10] **Say you to the righteous**, that **it** shall be **well** with him:

For they **shall** eat the **fruit** of their **doings**.

[11] **Woe** unto the **wicked**!

It shall be **ill** with him: **For the reward of his hands shall** be **given** him.

For **what** his hands **have dealt out** shall be **done** to him.

Isaiah 8:11-22 (NLT) **The Lord has said to me in the strongest terms**:

"Do not think like everyone else **does**.

[12] **Do not** be afraid that some **plan conceived** behind closed doors

Will be the end of you.

[13] **Do not** fear anything **except the Lord Almighty. He alone is the Holy One**.

If you **fear Him**, you need fear **nothing else**.

[14] **He will keep** you **safe**.

But to Israel and Judah **He will be a Stone that causes** people to **stumble**

And a Rock that makes them **fall**.

And for the people of Jerusalem **He will be a trap that entangles** them.

[15] **Many of** them **will stumble** and **fall**, **never** to rise again. Many will be **captured**."

[16] I will **write down** all these things as **a testimony of what the Lord will do**.

I will **entrust it** to my disciples,

Who will **pass it down** to **future** generations.

[17] I will **wait for the Lord** to **help** us,

Though He has turned away from the people of Israel.

My only hope is **in Him**.

[18] I and the children **the Lord has given** me have **names**

That **reveal the plans the Lord Almighty has for his** people.

[19] So **why** are you **trying** to **find out** the **future by** consulting **mediums** and **psychics**?

Do not listen to **their** whisperings and mutterings.

Can the living **find out** the future **from the dead**?

Why not ask your **God**?

[20] "**Check** their predictions **against My testimony**," **says the Lord**.

"If their **predictions** are **different** from **Mine**,

It is **because** there is **no Light or Truth in** them.

[21] **My** people **will** be led **away** as **captives**, weary and **hungry**.

And because they are **hungry**,

They will **rage** and **shake** their fists at **Heaven**

And **curse** their **King** and their **God**.

[22] **Wherever** they look, there will be **trouble** and **anguish** and dark **despair**.

They will be thrown out into the **darkness**."

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Isaiah 8:11-22 (ESV) For the Lord spoke this to me with his strong hand upon me,

And warned me not to walk in the way of this people, saying:

¹² "Do not call conspiracy all that this people calls conspiracy,

And do not fear

What they fear, nor be in dread.

¹³ But the Lord of hosts, him you shall honor as Holy. Let him be your fear,

And let Him be your dread.

¹⁴ And He will become a sanctuary And a Stone of offense

And a Rock of stumbling to both houses of Israel,

A trap and a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

¹⁵ And many shall stumble on it. They shall fall and be broken;

They shall be snared and taken."

¹⁶ Bind up the testimony; seal the teaching among My disciples.

¹⁷ I will wait for the Lord, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob,

And I will hope in Him.

¹⁸ Behold, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are signs

And portents (prophetic indication) in Israel from the Lord of hosts,

Who dwells on Mount Zion.

¹⁹ And when they say to you, "Inquire of the mediums and the necromancers

Who chirp and mutter,"

Should not a people inquire of their God?

Should they inquire of the dead on behalf of the living?

²⁰ To the teaching and to the testimony! If they will not speak according to this Word,

It is because they have no dawn.

²¹ They will pass through the land, greatly distressed and hungry.

And when they are hungry, they will be enraged

And will speak contemptuously against their King and their God,

And turn their faces upward.

²² And they will look to the earth, but behold, distress and darkness,

The gloom of anguish. And they will be thrust into thick darkness.

Isaiah 2:12-19 (ESV) For the Lord of hosts has a day against all that is proud

And lofty, against all that is lifted up---And it shall be brought low;

¹³ Against all the cedars of Lebanon, lofty and lifted up;

And against all the oaks of Bashan;

¹⁴ Against all the lofty mountains, and against all the uplifted hills;

¹⁵ Against every high tower, and against every fortified wall;

¹⁶ Against all the ships of Tarshish, and against all the beautiful craft.

¹⁷ And the haughtiness of man shall be humbled, and the lofty pride of men

Shall be brought low, and the Lord alone will be exalted in that day.

¹⁸ And the idols shall utterly pass away.

¹⁹ And people shall enter the caves of the rocks and the holes of the ground,

From before the terror of the Lord, and from

The splendor of His majesty, when he rises to terrify the earth.

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Isaiah 8:11-22 (KJV) For the Lord spoke this to me with a strong hand,
And instructed me that I should not walk

In the way of this people, Saying,

[12] Say you not, A confederacy, to all them to whom this people shall say,
A confederacy; neither fear you their fear, nor be afraid.

[13] Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself; and let him be your fear,
And let Him be your dread.

[14] And He shall be for a sanctuary; But for a Stone of stumbling
And for a Rock of offence to both the houses
Of Israel, For a gin (trap) and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

[15] And many among them shall stumble, and fall, and be broken,
And be snared, and be taken.

[16] Bind up the testimony, seal the law among My disciples.

[17] And I will wait upon the Lord, that hides his face from the house of Jacob,
And I will look for Him.

[18] Behold, I and the children whom the Lord has given me are for signs
And for wonders in Israel from the Lord of hosts,
Which dwells in mount Zion.

[19] And when they shall say unto you, seek unto them that have familiar spirits,
And unto wizards that peep, and that mutter:
Should not a people seek unto their God? For the living to the dead?

[20] To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this Word,
It is because there is no Light in them.

[21] And they shall pass through it, hardly bestead (oppressed) and hungry:
And it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry,
They shall fret themselves,
And curse their King and their God, and look upward.

[22] And they shall look unto the earth;
And behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish;
And they shall be driven to darkness.

Isaiah 3:8-11 (NLT) Judah and Jerusalem will lie in ruins

Because they speak out against the Lord and refuse to obey him.
They have offended His glorious presence among them.

[9] The very look on their faces gives them away and displays their guilt.
They sin openly like the people of Sodom.

They are not one bit ashamed.

How terrible it will be for them!

They have brought about their own destruction.

[10] But all will be well for those who are godly.

Tell them, "You will receive a wonderful reward!"

[11] But say to the wicked,

"Your destruction is sure. You, too, will get what you deserve.

Your well-earned punishment is on the way."

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Isaiah 3:8-11 (ESV) For Jerusalem has stumbled, and Judah has fallen,
Because their speech and their deeds are against the Lord,
Defying His glorious presence.

⁹ For the look on their faces bears witness against them;
They proclaim their sin like Sodom; they do not hide it.
Woe to them! For they have brought evil on themselves.

¹⁰ Tell the righteous that it shall be well with them,
For they shall eat the fruit of their deeds.

¹¹ Woe to the wicked! It shall be ill with him,

Psalms 46:10 (KJV) Be still, and know that I am God:

I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

Isaiah 13:11-13 (NLT) "I, the Lord, will punish the world for its evil

And the wicked for their sin. I will crush the arrogance of the proud
And the haughtiness of the mighty.

[12] Few will be left alive when I have finished my work.

People will be as scarce as gold—more rare than the gold of Ophir.

[13] For I will shake the Heavens, and the earth will move from its place.

I, the Lord Almighty, will show my fury and fierce anger."

Proverbs 16:2 (NLT) People may be pure in their own eyes,
But the Lord examines their motives.

Proverbs 17:3 (KJV) The fining pot is for silver,

And the furnace for gold: but the Lord tries the hearts.

Proverbs 17:3 (NLT) Fire tests the purity of silver and gold,
But the Lord tests the heart.

Isaiah 13:11-13 (KJV) And I will punish the world for their evil,

And the wicked for their iniquity;

And I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease,

And will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

[12] I will make a man more precious than fine gold;

Even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

[13] Therefore I will shake the Heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place,

In the wrath of the Lord of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

Isaiah 33:5-6 (NLT) Though the Lord is very great and lives in Heaven,

He will make Jerusalem his home of justice and righteousness.

[6] In that day He will be your sure foundation,

Providing a rich store of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge.

The fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure.

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Isaiah 33:5-6 (ESV) The Lord is exalted, for he dwells on high;

He will fill Zion with justice and righteousness,

⁶ And He will be the stability of your times,

Abundance of salvation, wisdom and knowledge;

The fear of the Lord is Zion's treasure.

Isaiah 34:1-6 (ESV) Draw near, O nations, to hear, and give attention, O peoples!

Let the earth hear, and all that fills it; the world,

And all that comes from it.

² For the Lord is enraged against all the nations, and furious against all their host;

He has devoted them to destruction,

Has given them over for slaughter.

³ Their slain shall be cast out, and the stench of their corpses shall rise;

The mountains shall flow with their blood.

⁴ All the host of Heaven shall rot away, and the skies roll up like a scroll.

All their host shall fall, as leaves fall from the vine,

Like leaves falling from the fig tree.

⁵ For My sword has drunk its fill in the Heavens;

Behold, it descends for judgment upon Edom,

Upon the people I have devoted to destruction.

⁶ The Lord has a sword; it is sated with blood; it is gorged with fat,

With the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams.

For the Lord has a sacrifice in Bozrah,

A great slaughter in the land of Edom.

Hebrews 5:7 (KJV) Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers

And supplications with strong crying and tears

Unto Him that was able to save Him from death,

And was heard in that He feared;

Eccles. 3:14 (KJV) I know that, whatsoever God does, it shall be forever:

Nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it:

And God does it, that men should fear before him.

Proverbs 28:14 (NLT) Blessed are those who have a tender conscience,

But the stubborn are headed for serious trouble.

Psalms 19:9-10 (ESV) The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever;

The rules of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;

Sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

Proverbs 15:3 (KJV) The eyes of the Lord are in every place,

Beholding the evil and the good.

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Exodus 32:19-33 (ESV) And as soon as he came near the camp

And saw the calf and the dancing, Moses' anger burned hot,
And he threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them
At the foot of the mountain.

²⁰ He took the calf that they had made and burned it with fire and ground it to powder
And scattered it on the water

And made the people of Israel drink it.

²¹ And Moses said to Aaron, "What did this people do to you
That you have brought such a great sin upon them?"

²² And Aaron said, "Let not the anger of my lord burn hot.
You know the people, that they are set on evil.

²³ For they said to me, 'Make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses,
The man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt,
We do not know what has become of him.'

²⁴ So I said to them, 'Let any who have gold take it off.' So they gave it to me,
And I threw it into the fire,
And out came this calf."

²⁵ And when Moses saw that the people had broken loose (were naked)
(for Aaron had let them break loose, to the derision of their enemies),

²⁶ Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said,
"Who is on the Lord 's side?
Come to me." And all the sons of Levi gathered around him.

²⁷ And he said to them, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel,
'Put your sword on your side each of you,
And go to and fro from gate to gate throughout the camp,
And each of you kill his brother
And his companion and his neighbor."

²⁸ And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses.
And that day about three thousand men of the people fell.

²⁹ And Moses said, "Today you have been ordained for the service of the Lord,
Each one at the cost of his son

And of his brother,
So that He might bestow a blessing upon you this day."

³⁰ The next day Moses said to the people,
"You have sinned a great sin.
And now I will go up to the Lord;
Perhaps I can make atonement for your sin."

³¹ So Moses returned to the Lord and said, "Alas, this people has sinned a great sin.
They have made for themselves gods of gold.

³² But now, if You will forgive their sin---
But if not,
Please blot me out of Your book that you have written."

³³ But the Lord said to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me,
I will blot out of my book.

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2 Samuel 6:1-17 (NLT) Then David mobilized thirty thousand special troops.

- [2] He led them to Baalah of Judah to bring home the Ark of God,
Which bears the Name of the Lord Almighty,
Who is enthroned between the cherubim.
- [3] They placed the Ark of God on a new cart
And brought it from the hillside home of Abinadab. Uzzah and Ahio,
Abinadab's sons, **were guiding the cart**
- [4] **With the Ark of God** on it, with Ahio walking in front.
- [5] David and all the people of Israel were **celebrating** before the Lord
With all their might, singing songs
And **playing** all kinds of musical instruments—
Lyres, harps, tambourines, castanets, and cymbals.
- [6] But **when** they **arrived** at the threshing floor of Nacon,
The oxen **stumbled**,
And **Uzzah put out his hand to steady the Ark of God**.
- [7] **Then the Lord's anger blazed out**
Against Uzzah for **doing this**,
And God struck him dead beside the Ark of God.
- [8] David was **angry** because the Lord's anger had blazed out against Uzzah.
He **named** that place Perez-uzzah
(Which means "outbreak **against** Uzzah"). **It is still called that today**.
- [9] David was **now afraid** of the Lord and **asked**,
"How can I ever bring the Ark of the Lord back into my care?"
- [10] So David **decided not** to move the Ark of the Lord
Into the City of David.
He took it **instead to** the home of Obed-edom of Gath.
- [11] The Ark of the Lord remained **there**
With the family of Obed-edom **for three months**,
And the Lord blessed him **and** his entire household.
- [12] Then King David **was told**,
"The Lord has blessed Obed-edom's home
And everything he has because of the Ark of God."
So David **went** there and **brought the Ark to** the City of David
With a great celebration.
- [13] After the men who **were carrying it had gone six steps**, they **stopped**
And **waited** so David **could** sacrifice an ox and a fattened calf.
- [14] And David **danced** before the Lord with all his might,
Wearing a priestly tunic.
- [15] So David **and all Israel brought up the Ark of the Lord with** much shouting
And blowing of trumpets.
- [16] **But as the Ark of the Lord entered** the City of David,
Michal, the daughter of Saul, Looked down from her window.
When she **saw** King David **leaping and dancing before the Lord**,
She **was filled with contempt** (disgust) **for** him.

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Numbers 20:1-13 (ESV) **And the people of Israel, the whole congregation,**
Came into the wilderness of Zin in the first month,
And the people **stayed** in **Kadesh**.
And Miriam **died** there **and was** buried there.

² **Now there was no water for the congregation.** And they assembled themselves
Together **against** Moses and **against** Aaron.

³ And the people **quarreled** with Moses and **said**,
"Would that we **had perished**

When our brothers **perished** before **the Lord!**

⁴ **Why** have you **brought** the assembly of **the Lord** into this wilderness,
That we **should** die **here**, both we and our cattle?

⁵ And **why** have you **made** us come up **out** of Egypt **to bring** us to **this evil place?**
It is **no place** for grain or figs or vines or pomegranates,
And **there is no water to drink.**"

⁶ Then Moses and Aaron **went from** the presence of the assembly
To the entrance of the **tent of meeting** **and fell on their faces.**
And the glory of the Lord appeared to them,

⁷ **And the Lord spoke to** Moses, **saying**,

⁸ **"Take the staff, and assemble** the congregation, you and Aaron your brother,
And **tell the rock** **before their eyes to yield its water.**
So you shall **bring water** out **of the rock** for them
And **give drink** to the congregation and their cattle."

⁹ And Moses **took** the **staff** from before **the Lord, as he commanded** him.

¹⁰ **Then** Moses and Aaron **gathered** the assembly together **before the rock**,
And he **said** to them, **"Hear now, you rebels:**
Shall we (did not honor **God** in this) **bring** water for you **out** of this **rock?"**

¹¹ And Moses **lifted** up his hand and **struck** the **rock** with his staff twice,
And water came out abundantly,
And the congregation **drank**, and their livestock.

¹² **And the Lord said to** Moses and Aaron, **"Because you did not believe** in **me,**
To **uphold Me as Holy** in the eyes of the people of Israel,
Therefore you **shall not** bring this assembly
Into the land that **I have given** them."

¹³ **These are** the **waters of** Meribah,
Where the people of Israel **quarreled** with **the Lord**,
And **through** them **He showed himself Holy.**

Proverbs 15:3 (NLT) **The Lord is watching** everywhere,
Keeping His eye on both **the evil** and **the good.**

Deut. 8:19 (NLT) **"But I assure you of this:**

If you ever **forget the Lord** your **God** and **follow** other gods,
Worshiping and bowing **down** to **them**,
You **will certainly be destroyed.**

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Psalms 86:13 (KJV) For great is Your mercy toward me:

And You have delivered my soul from the lowest hell.

Deut. 6:13-16 (NLT) You must fear the Lord your God and serve him.

When you take an oath,

You must use only His name.

[14] "You must not worship any of the gods of neighboring nations,

[15] For the Lord your God, who lives among you, is a jealous God.

His anger will flare up against you

And wipe you from the face of the earth.

[16] Do not test the Lord your God as you did when you complained at Massah.

Proverbs 14:12 (NLT) There is a path before each person that seems right,

But it ends in death.

Proverbs 15:11 (KJV) Hell and destruction are before the Lord:

How much more then the hearts of the children of men?

Deuteronomy 32:48-52 (ESV) That very day the Lord spoke to Moses,

⁴⁹ "Go up this mountain of the Abarim, Mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab,

Opposite Jericho, and view the land of Canaan,

Which I am giving to the people of Israel for a possession.

⁵⁰ And die on the mountain which you go up,

And be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother died

In Mount Hor and was gathered to his people,

⁵¹ Because you broke faith with Me in the midst of the people of Israel

At the waters of Meribah-kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin,

And because you did not treat Me as holy

In the midst of the people of Israel.

⁵² For you shall see the land before you, but you shall not go there into the land

That I am giving to the people of Israel."

Isaiah 66:1-2 (ESV) Thus says the Lord: "Heaven is my throne,

And the earth is My footstool; What is the house

That you would build for Me, and what is the place of my rest?

² All these things My hand has made, and so all these things came to be,

Declares the Lord. But this is the one to whom I will look:

He who is humble and contrite (sorry) in spirit and trembles at My word.

Isaiah 66:4 (ESV) I also will choose harsh treatment for them

And bring their fears upon them,

Because when I called, No one answered, when I spoke,

They did not listen; but they did what was evil in My eyes

And chose that in which I did not delight."