

## GOD'S WRATH

### 1. God's wrath is an expression of his perfect character.

- a. God's wrath is an expression of his:
  - (1) Majesty.
    - (a) **Ex 15:7** 7 In the greatness of your majesty you [Yahweh] overthrow your adversaries. You send out your fury (קֶרוֹן). It consumes them like stubble.
  - (2) Righteousness.
    - (a) **Is 59:17-18** 17 [Yahweh] put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on his head. He put on garments of vengeance for clothing and wrapped himself in zeal as a cloak. 18 According to their deeds, so will he repay, wrath to his adversaries, repayment to his enemies. To the coastlands he will render repayment.
    - (b) **Ro 2:5** 5 Because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.
    - (c) **Ro 3:5** 5 ...If our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.)<sup>1</sup>
  - (3) Justice.
    - (a) **Ps 76:8-10** 8 From the heavens you uttered judgment. The earth feared and was still, 9 when God arose to establish judgment, to save all the humble of the earth. 10 Surely the wrath (קֶרוֹן) of man shall praise you. The remnant of wrath (קֶרוֹן) you will put on like a belt.
- b. Principles.
  - (1) Wrath is not an attribute of God. It is an expression of his attribute of justice.
  - (2) God is not ashamed of his wrath. Neither must we be.
  - (3) We must not reject or modify the biblical conception of God's wrath. God's wrath is necessary to the biblical conception of God.
  - (4) God's wrath is always under control.
    - (a) The wrath being revealed in Romans 1 is not nightmare of an indiscriminate, uncontrolled, irrational fury, but the wrath of the holy and merciful God directed against men's impiety and unrighteousness (C. E. B. Cranfield, *Romans*, 109-111).

### 2. God's wrath is absolutely necessary in our fallen world.

- a. The Torah has made God's perfect and holy standard clear.
  - (1) **Ro 4:15** 15 ...The Torah brings wrath.
- b. **Eph 5:5-8** 5 ...Everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Messiah and God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

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<sup>1</sup> The infliction of God's wrath on sinners is not unrighteous or unjust.

- c. **Col 3:5-6** 5 Put to death...what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming.
- d. Principles.
  - (1) Condemnation requires wrath. Otherwise God's justice system would fail.
    - (a) God must react to our evil with wrath, for indignation against wickedness is an essential element of human goodness in a world in which moral evil is always present (C. E. B. Cranfield, *Romans*, 109-111).
  - (2) God's wrath is never unjustified, arbitrary, or capricious. There is always a rationale for it.
  - (3) God speaks in his wrath.
    - (a) **Ps 2:5-6** 5 ...[Yahweh] will speak to [the nations] in his wrath and terrify them in his fury saying, 6 As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.

### 3. God's past wrath includes his wrath on:

- a. Gentiles.
  - (1) All humanity at Noah's flood.
  - (2) Sodom and Gomorrah.
  - (3) The Egyptians.
  - (4) The Canaanites.
  - (5) The succession of Gentile empires (Assyria, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome).
  - (6) WWI.
  - (7) WWII.
- b. Israel.
  - (1) Exodus generation.
    - (a) **Nu 11:1** 1 ...The people [of Israel] complained in the hearing of Yahweh about their misfortunes, and when Yahweh heard it, his anger was kindled, and the fire of Yahweh burned among them and consumed some outlying parts of the camp.
    - (2) Cycles in Judges, 1-2 Samuel, and 1-2 Kings.
    - (3) 722 bc.
    - (4) 586 bc.
      - (a) **2 Ki 22:13** 13 Go inquire of Yahweh for me [Josiah], for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found. For great is the wrath (הַחֵרֶם) of Yahweh that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us.
      - (b) **2 Ki 22:17-20** 17 Because they [Israel] have forsaken me [Yahweh] and have made offerings to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore



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Galatians 5:19-21 KJV

Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.  
Acts 2:38 KJV

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:  
Acts 17:30 KJV

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my wrath (הַמַּחַד) will be kindled against this place [Jerusalem], and it will not be quenched.

- (c) **2 Ch 29:8** 8 ...The wrath (אֲרָצָה) of Yahweh came on Judah and Jerusalem, and he has made them an object of horror, of astonishment, and of hissing, as you see with your own eyes.
  - (d) **Jer 21:5-7** 5 I [Yahweh] myself will fight against you [Israel] with outstretched hand and strong arm, in anger, in fury, and in great wrath. 6 And I will strike down the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast. They shall die of a great pestilence. 7 Afterward, declares Yahweh, I will give Zedekiah king of Judah, his servants, and the people in this city who survive the pestilence, sword, and famine into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon and into the hand of their enemies, into the hand of those who seek their lives. He shall strike them down with the edge of the sword. He shall not pity them or spare them or have compassion.
  - (e) **Lam 4:11** 11 Yahweh gave full vent to his wrath. He poured out his hot anger, and he kindled a fire in Zion that consumed its foundations.
- (5) 70 ad.
- (a) **Mt 24:1-2** 1 Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. 2 But he answered them, You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.
  - (b) **Lk 19:43-44** 43 ...The days will come upon you [Jerusalem], when your enemies will set up a barricade around you, surround you, hem you in on every side, 44 and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you, because you did not recognise the time of your visitation.
  - (c) **Lk 21:22-24** 22 ...These are days of vengeance, to fulfil all that is written. 23 Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. 24 They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.
- (6) History of the Jews since 70 ad.
- (a) **1 Th 2:14-16** 14 ...You, brothers and sisters, became imitators of the churches of God in Messiah Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews, 15 who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all humanity 16 by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved—so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them at last!
- c. Jesus at the cross.
  - d. Principles.
    - (1) “The history of the world is the judgment of the world” (F. Schiller).
    - (2) God’s past wrath warns of his present, future, and eternal wrath.
    - (3) These “baby” wraths are a prelude to the future “big momma.”

#### 4. God's wrath in the present includes:

- a. Self-induced misery brought upon by sin.
  - (1) **Ro 1:18** 18 ...The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.
  - (2) The wrath of God is now visible in his handing over of people to their chosen way of sin and all its consequences (D. Moo, *Romans*).
- b. Criminal justice system.
  - (1) **Ro 13:4-5** 4 [A ruler] is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not carry the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger (ἔκδικος) who carries out God's wrath (ὀργή) on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.
- c. Principles.
  - (1) The COVID-19 pandemic is an expression of God's wrath.
  - (2) God's present wrath warns of his future and eternal wrath.
  - (3) The present experience of God's wrath is merely a foretaste of what will come on the day of judgment (D. Moo, *Romans*).

#### 5. God's wrath in the future includes:

- a. The seven-year Tribulation.
  - (1) **Ro 2:5** 5 Because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.
  - (2) **Eph 5:5-8** 5 ...Everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Messiah and God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.
  - (3) **Col 3:5-6** 5 Put to death...what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming.
- b. Eternity in the lake of fire.
  - (1) **Ro 2:7-8** 7 ...To those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory, honour, and immortality, [God] will give eternal life. 8 But for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.
  - (2) **2 Th 1:7-9** 7 ...When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels 8 in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance (ἐκδίκησις) on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, 10 when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marvelled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

#### 6. It is God's job to inflict wrath, not ours.

- a. **Eze 22:30-31** 30 ...I [Yahweh] sought for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the breach before me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none. 31 Therefore I have poured out my indignation (אֵפֶי) upon them. I

have consumed them with the fire of my rage (עִבְרָה). I have returned their way upon their heads, declares Lord Yahweh.

- b. **Re 19:11-16** 11 Then I [John] saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it [Jesus] is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. 12 His eyes are like a flame of fire, on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. 13 He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. 14 And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. 15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.
- c. Even wrath via the criminal justice system is God's wrath.
  - (1) **Ro 13:4-5** 4 [A ruler] is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not carry the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger (ἔκδικος) who carries out God's wrath (ὀργή) on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.
  - d. When we are persecuted, it is just for us to desire God's wrath upon our persecutor. But we must never attempt to inflict wrath on our persecutor.
    - (1) **1 Sa 24:12** 12 May Yahweh judge between me [David] and you [Saul]. May Yahweh avenge (נָקַם) me against you, but my hand shall not be against you.
    - (2) **Ps 56:5-7** 5 All day long they injure my cause. All their thoughts are against me [David] for evil. 6 They stir up strife, they lurk. They watch my steps, as they have waited for my life. 7 For their crime will they escape? In anger (אַף) cast down the peoples, O God!
    - (3) **Ps 79:6-7** 6 Pour out your wrath (תִּקַּח) on the nations that do not know you and on the kingdoms that do not call upon your name! 7 For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his habitation.
    - (4) **Ro 12:19** 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.

## 7. God is slow to wrath.

- a. **Ps 78:38** 38 Yet [God], being compassionate, atoned for [Israel's] iniquity and did not destroy them. He restrained his anger (אַף) often and did not stir up all his wrath (תִּקַּח).
- b. **Lam 4:11** 11 Yahweh gave full vent to his wrath. He poured out his hot anger, and he kindled a fire in Zion that consumed its foundations.
- c. **Nah 1:2-3** 2 Yahweh is a jealous and avenging (נָקַם) God. Yahweh is avenging (נָקַם) and wrathful (תִּקַּח). Yahweh takes vengeance (נָקַם) on his adversaries and keeps wrath for his enemies. 3 Yahweh is slow to anger and great in power, and Yahweh will by no means clear the guilty.
- d. **Ro 9:22-24** 22 What if God, desiring to show his wrath (ὀργή) and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath (ὀργή) prepared for destruction, 23 in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory— 24 even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?

## 8. God always warns before he inflicts his wrath.

- a. **2 Ch 36:15-16** 15 Yahweh, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to [Israel] by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place. 16 But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath (הַמַּחַד) of Yahweh rose against his people, until there was no remedy.
- b. **Jer 4:4** 4 Circumcise yourselves to Yahweh. Remove the foreskin of your hearts, men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, lest my wrath go forth like fire, and burn with none to quench it, because of the evil of your deeds.
- c. **Lk 3:7-9** 7 [John] said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptised by him, You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Produce fruits in keeping with a change of heart. ...9 Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

## 9. There are ten things that really stir up God's anger.

- a. The slaying of innocent blood, especially his children.
  - (1) **Dt 32:40-43** 40 ...I [Yahweh] lift up my hand to heaven and swear, As I live forever, 41 if I sharpen my flashing sword and my hand takes hold on judgment, I will take vengeance (נִקְמָה) on my adversaries and will repay those who hate me. 42 I will make my arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh—with the blood of the slain and the captives, from the long-haired heads of the enemy. 43 Rejoice with him, heavens. Bow down to him, all gods, for he avenges the blood of his children and takes vengeance on his adversaries. He repays those who hate him and cleanses his people's land.
- b. Ungratefulness.
  - (1) **2 Ch 32:24-26** 24 In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death, and he prayed to Yahweh, and he answered him and gave him a sign. 25 But Hezekiah did not make return according to the benefit done to him, for his heart was proud. Therefore anger (אֵרָצָה) came upon him, Judah, and Jerusalem. 26 But Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the anger of Yahweh did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah.
- c. National leaders who provoke him.
  - (1) **2 Ki 23:26** 26 Still Yahweh did not turn from the burning of his great wrath (אֵרָצָה), by which his anger (אֵרָצָה) was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations with which Manasseh had provoked him.
- d. Failure to guard the word of Yahweh.
  - (1) **2 Ch 34:21** 21 Go, inquire of Yahweh for me [Josiah] and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that has been found. For great is the wrath (הַמַּחַד) of Yahweh that is poured out on us, because our fathers have not guard (שָׁמַר) the word of Yahweh, to do according to all that is written in this book.
- e. Mocking God's messengers.
  - (1) **2 Ch 36:15-16** 15 Yahweh, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to [Israel] by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling

place. 16 But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath (ἠμῶν) of Yahweh rose against his people, until there was no remedy.

f. Nations who plot against Israel.

(1) **Ps 59:5** 5 You, Yahweh God of hosts, are God of Israel. Rouse yourself to punish (ἵκνη) all the nations. Spare none of those who treacherously plot evil.

(2) **Ps 79:6-7** 6 Pour out your wrath (ἠμῶν) on the nations that do not know you and on the kingdoms that do not call upon your name! 7 For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his habitation.

g. Injustice.

(1) **Jer 21:12** 12 O house of David! Thus says Yahweh: Execute justice in the morning, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor him who has been robbed, lest my wrath go forth like fire and burn with none to quench it, because of your evil deeds.

h. Unbelief.

(1) **Lk 3:7-9** 7 [John] said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptised by him, You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Produce fruits in keeping with a change of heart. ...9 Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

(2) **Jn 3:36** 36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life. Whoever does not obey [the Father's command to believe in] the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

(3) **Ro 2:5** 5 Because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

(4) **Ro 2:7-8** 7 ...To those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory, honour, and immortality, [God] will give eternal life. 8 But for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.

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i. Hindering the gospel.

(1) **1 Th 2:14-16** 14 ...You, brothers and sisters, became imitators of the churches of God in Messiah Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews, 15 who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all humanity 16 by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved—so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them at last!

j. Worshipping the beast and its image.

(1) **Re 14:9-11** 9 ...If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10 he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured

full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulphur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. 11 And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name.

## 10. God's wrath is like:

- a. A dam breaking.
  - (1) **2 Ch 36:15-16** 15 Yahweh, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to [Israel] by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place. 16 But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath (הַקֶּזֶף) of Yahweh rose against his people, until there was no remedy.
- b. Treading in a winepress.
  - (1) **Is 63:2-6** 2 Why is your apparel red, and your garments like his who treads in the winepress? 3 I [Yahweh] have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with me. I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath. Their lifeblood spattered on my garments and stained all my apparel. 4 For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and my year of redemption had come. 5 I looked, but there was no one to help. I was appalled, but there was no one to uphold. So my own arm brought me salvation, and my wrath upheld me. 6 I trampled down the peoples in my anger. I made them drunk in my wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.
  - (2) **Re 14:17-20** 17 ... Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. 18 And another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over the fire, and he called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, Put in your sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe. 19 So the angel swung his sickle across the earth and gathered the grape harvest of the earth and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. 20 And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress, as high as a horse's bridle, for 1,600 stadia.
  - (3) **Re 19:11-16** 11 Then I [John] saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it [Jesus] is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. 12 His eyes are like a flame of fire, on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. 13 He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. 14 And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. 15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.
- c. Vomiting over a cup of wine.
  - (1) **Jer 25:15-16** 15 Thus Yahweh, the God of Israel, said to me [Jeremiah]: Take from my hand this cup of the wine of wrath, and make all the nations to whom I send you drink it. 16 They shall drink, stagger, and be crazed because of the sword that I am sending among them. 17 So I took the cup from Yahweh's hand, and made all the nations to whom Yahweh sent me drink it: 18 Jerusalem and the cities



of Judah, its kings and officials, to make them a desolation and a waste, a hissing and a curse, as at this day; 19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, his servants, his officials, all his people, 20 and all the mixed tribes among them; all the kings of the land of Uz and all the kings of the land of the Philistines (Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod); 21 Edom, Moab, and the sons of Ammon; 22 all the kings of Tyre, all the kings of Sidon, and the kings of the coastland across the sea; 23 Dedan, Tema, Buz, and all who cut the corners of their hair; 24 all the kings of Arabia and all the kings of the mixed tribes who dwell in the desert; 25 all the kings of Zimri, all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of Media; 26 all the kings of the north, far and near, one after another, and all the kingdoms of the world that are on the face of the earth. And after them the king of Babylon shall drink. 27 Then you shall say to them, Thus says Yahweh of hosts, the God of Israel: Drink, be drunk and vomit, fall and rise no more, because of the sword that I am sending among you. 28 And if they refuse to accept the cup from your hand to drink, then you shall say to them, Thus says Yahweh of hosts: You must drink! 29 For behold, I begin to work disaster at the city [Jerusalem] that is called by my name, and shall you go unpunished? You shall not go unpunished, for I am summoning a sword against all the inhabitants of the earth, declares Yahweh of hosts.

(2) **Re 14:9-11** 9 ...If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10 he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulphur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. 11 And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name.

(3) **Re 16:19** 19 ...God remembered Babylon the great, to make her drain the cup of the wine of the fury of his wrath.

d. An axe chopping down trees.

(1) **Lk 3:7-9** 7 [John] said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptised by him, You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Produce fruits in keeping with a change of heart. ...9 Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

e. A cup overflowing.

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f. A boiler exploding due to too much pressure.

g. A pot boiling over.

## 11. God's wrath involves:

a. Fire.

- (1) **Ps 21:8-12** 8 Your hand will find out all your enemies. Your right hand will find out those who hate you. 9 You will make them as a blazing oven when you appear. Yahweh will swallow them up in his anger (אֵף), and fire will consume them. 10 You will destroy their descendants from the earth, and their seed from among the children of man. 11 Though they plan evil against you, though they devise mischief, they will not succeed. 12 For you will put them to flight. You will aim at their faces with your bows.
  - (2) **Is 30:27** 27 Behold, the name of Yahweh comes from afar, burning with his anger (אֵף) and in thick rising smoke. His lips are full of fury, and his tongue is like a devouring fire.
  - (3) **Is 66:14-16** 14 You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice. Your bones shall flourish like the grass, the hand of Yahweh shall be known to his servants, and he shall show his indignation against his enemies. 15 For behold, Yahweh will come in fire, and his chariots like the whirlwind, to render his anger in fury and his rebuke with flames of fire. 16 For by fire will Yahweh enter into judgment, and by his sword, with all flesh, and those slain by Yahweh shall be many.
  - (4) **Jer 4:4** 4 Circumcise yourselves to Yahweh. Remove the foreskin of your hearts, men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem, lest my wrath go forth like fire, and burn with none to quench it, because of the evil of your deeds.
  - (5) **Lk 12:49** 49 I [Jesus] came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled!
- b. Darkness.
- (1) **Is 13:9-10** 9 Behold, the day of Yahweh comes, cruel (אֲכַזְרִי), with wrath (עֲבָרָה) and fierce anger (אֵף וְקִיָּן), to make the land a desolation (שְׁמָה) and to destroy (שָׂמַד) its sinners (חַטָּאִים) from it. 10 For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light. The sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light.
  - (2) **Zep 1:14-18** 14 The great day of Yahweh is near, near and hastening fast. The sound of the day of Yahweh is bitter. The mighty man cries aloud there. 15 A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. 17 I will bring distress on humanity, so that they shall walk like the blind, because they have sinned against Yahweh. Their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them on the day of the wrath of Yahweh. In the fire of his jealousy, all the earth shall be consumed. For a full and sudden end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.
- c. Blood.
- (1) **Is 63:2-6** 2 Why is your apparel red, and your garments like his who treads in the winepress? 3 I [Yahweh] have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with me. I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath. Their lifeblood spattered on my garments and stained all my apparel. 4 For the day of vengeance was in my heart, and my year of redemption had come. 5 I looked, but there was no one to help. I was appalled, but there was no one to uphold. So my own arm brought me salvation, and my wrath upheld me. 6 I

trampled down the peoples in my anger. I made them drunk in my wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.

- (2) **Zep 1:14-18** 14 The great day of Yahweh is near, near and hastening fast. The sound of the day of Yahweh is bitter. The mighty man cries aloud there. 15 A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. 17 I will bring distress on humanity, so that they shall walk like the blind, because they have sinned against Yahweh. Their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them on the day of the wrath of Yahweh. In the fire of his jealousy, all the earth shall be consumed. For a full and sudden end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.
- (3) **Re 14:17-20** 17 ... Another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. 18 And another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over the fire, and he called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, Put in your sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe. 19 So the angel swung his sickle across the earth and gathered the grape harvest of the earth and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. 20 And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress, as high as a horse's bridle, for 1,600 stadia.

d. Sword.

- (1) **Jer 25:28-29** 28 And if they refuse to accept the cup from your hand to drink, then you shall say to them, Thus says Yahweh of hosts: You must drink! 29 For behold, I begin to work disaster at the city [Jerusalem] that is called by my name, and shall you go unpunished? You shall not go unpunished, for I am summoning a sword against all the inhabitants of the earth, declares Yahweh of hosts.
- (2) **Eze 21:14-17** 14 As for you [Ezekiel], son of man, prophesy. Clap your hands and let the sword come down twice, yes, three times, the sword for those to be slain. It is the sword for the great slaughter, which surrounds [the princes of Israel], 15 that their hearts may melt and many stumble. At all their gates I have given the glittering sword. Ah, it is made like lightning. It is taken up for slaughter. 16 Cut sharply to the right. Set yourself to the left, wherever your face is directed. 17 I also will clap my hands, and I will satisfy my wrath (הַמָּוֶה). I Yahweh have spoken.
- (3) **Ro 13:4-5** 4 [A ruler] is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not carry the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger (ἔκδικος) who carries out God's wrath (ὀργή) on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.
- (4) **Re 19:11-16** 11 Then I [John] saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it [Jesus] is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. 12 His eyes are like a flame of fire, on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. 13 He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. 14 And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. 15 From his mouth comes a sharp sword with

which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.

e. Trumpet blast.

(1) **Zep 1:14-18** 14 The great day of Yahweh is near, near and hastening fast. The sound of the day of Yahweh is bitter. The mighty man cries aloud there. 15 A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. 17 I will bring distress on humanity, so that they shall walk like the blind, because they have sinned against Yahweh. Their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them on the day of the wrath of Yahweh. In the fire of his jealousy, all the earth shall be consumed. For a full and sudden end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

## 12. There are three things that can turn away or stop God's wrath.

a. Intercessory prayer.

(1) **Ex 32:10-12** 10 ...Let me [Yahweh] alone, that my anger (אֵף) may burn hot against [Israel] and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you. 11 But Moses implored Yahweh his God and said, Yahweh, why does your anger (אֵף) burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians say, With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from your burning anger (אֵף) and relent from this disaster against your people.

b. Humility.

(1) **2 Ch 12:12** 12 When [Rehoboam] humbled himself the anger (אֵף) of Yahweh turned from him, so as not to make a complete destruction. Moreover, conditions were good in Judah.<sup>2</sup>

(2) **2 Ch 32:24-26** 24 In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death, and he prayed to Yahweh, and he answered him and gave him a sign. 25 But Hezekiah did not make return according to the benefit done to him, for his heart was proud. Therefore anger (אֵף) came upon him, Judah, and Jerusalem. 26 But Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the anger of Yahweh did not come upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

(3) **2 Ki 22:18-20** 18 ...To the king of Judah [Josiah], who sent you to inquire of Yahweh, thus shall you say to him, Thus says Yahweh, the God of Israel: Regarding the words that you have heard, 19 because your heart was penitent, and you humbled yourself before Yahweh, when you heard how I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and you have torn your clothes and wept before me, I also have heard you, declares Yahweh. 20 Therefore, behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you

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<sup>2</sup> Humility turns off God's wrath. God's wrath is like boiler. If it overheats, look out!

shall be gathered to your grave in peace, and your eyes shall not see all the disaster that I will bring upon this place.

(4) **Zep 2:1-3** 1 Gather together, yes, gather, shameless nation, 2 before the decree takes effect—before the day passes away like chaff—before there comes upon you the burning anger of Yahweh, before there comes upon you the day of the anger of Yahweh. 3 Seek Yahweh, all you humble of the land, who do his just commands. Seek righteousness. Seek humility. Perhaps you may be hidden on the day of the anger of Yahweh.

c. Kissing the Son.

(1) **Ps 2:10-12** 10 Now therefore, kings, be wise. Be warned, rulers of the earth. 11 Serve Yahweh with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry (אֵרָא), and you perish in the way, for his anger (אֵרָא) is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

(2) **Jn 3:36** 36 Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life. Whoever does not obey [the Father's command to believe in] the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

(3) **Ro 5:9** 9 Because...we have now been justified by [Messiah's] blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

d. **1 Th 1:9-10** 9 ...They themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

### 13. For believers, God's anger is but for a moment.

a. **Ps 30:4-5** 4 Sing praises to Yahweh, you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name. 5 For his anger (אֵרָא) is but for a moment, and his grace (חַסְדֵּךָ) is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

b. **Is 57:16** 16 ...I will not contend forever, nor will I always be angry, for the spirit would grow faint before me, and the breath of life that I made.

c. **Re 15:1** 1 ...I saw another sign in heaven, great and amazing, seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is finished.

d. Israel:

(1) **Is 51:22-23** 22 Thus says your Lord, Yahweh, your God who pleads the cause of his people [Israel]: Behold, I have taken from your hand the cup of staggering. The bowl of my wrath you shall drink no more, 23 and I will put it into the hand of your tormentors, who have said to you, Bow down, that we may pass over.

(2) **Is 54:7-10** 7 For a brief moment I [Yahweh] deserted you [Israel], but with great compassion I will gather you. 8 In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you, but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you, says Yahweh, your Redeemer. 9 This is like the days of Noah to me. As I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you and will not rebuke you. 10 For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my loyal love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says Yahweh, who has compassion on you.

14. God inflicts wrath in order to teaches humanity that God rules.

- a. **Ps 59:12-13** 12 For the sin of their mouths, the words of their lips, let them be trapped in their pride. For the cursing and lies that they utter, 13 consume them in wrath (תִּמְהָ). Consume them till they are no more, that they may know that God rules over Jacob to the ends of the earth.
15. In our fallen world, God's wrath is absolutely necessary.
- a. God will punish the world for its evil, wickedness, arrogance, pride, and ruthlessness.
  - b. **Eph 2:3** 3 ...Among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of humanity.
  - c. **Eph 5:5-8** 5 ...Everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Messiah and God. 6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.
  - d. **Col 3:5-6** 5 Put to death...what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 On account of these the wrath of God is coming.
16. God's wrath will reach a climax during the future day of Yahweh.
- a. **Is 13:9-13** 9 Behold, the day of Yahweh comes, cruel (אֶכְזָרִי), with wrath (עֲבָרָה) and fierce anger (תִּרְוֹן אָרָה), to make the land a desolation (שְׁמָה) and to destroy (שָׂמַד) its sinners (חַטָּטִים) from it. 10 For the stars of the heavens and their constellations will not give their light. The sun will be dark at its rising, and the moon will not shed its light. 11 I will punish (פָּקַד) the world (תְּבַל) 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 humanity 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 rage (עֲבָרָה) of Yahweh of hosts in the day of his fierce anger (אָרָה).
  - b. **Zep 1:14-18** 14 The great day of Yahweh is near, near and hastening fast. The sound of the day of Yahweh is bitter. The mighty man cries aloud there. 15 A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. 17 I will bring distress on humanity, so that they shall walk like the blind, because they have sinned against Yahweh. Their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them on the day of the wrath of Yahweh. In the fire of his jealousy, all the earth shall be consumed. For a full and sudden end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.
  - c. **Lk 12:49** 49 I [Jesus] came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled!
  - d. **Re 6:15-17** 15 ...The kings of the earth, the great ones, the generals, the rich, the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, 16 calling to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, 17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?

- e. **Re 11:15-18** 16 ... The twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God 17 saying, We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign. 18 The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.
- f. **Re 14:9-11** 9 ... If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives a mark on his forehead or on his hand, 10 he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulphur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. 11 And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name.

17. God inflicts his wrath upon:

- a. Satan and the demons.
  - (1) **Is 34:1-5** 1 Draw near, nations, to hear, and give attention, peoples! Let the earth hear, and all that fills it, the world, and all that comes from it. 2 For Yahweh is enraged (רָצַח) against all the nations, and furious (תָּמַח) 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.
- b. The nations.
  - (1) **Jer 10:25** 25 Pour out your wrath on the nations that know you not, and on the peoples that call not on your name, for they have devoured Jacob. They have devoured him and consumed him, and have laid waste his habitation.
  - (2) **Jer 25:15-29** 15 Thus Yahweh, the God of Israel, said to me [Jeremiah]: Take from my hand this cup of the wine of wrath, and make all the nations to whom I send you drink it. 16 They shall drink, stagger, and be crazed because of the sword that I am sending among them. 17 So I took the cup from Yahweh's hand, and made all the nations to whom Yahweh sent me drink it: 18 Jerusalem and the cities of Judah, its kings and officials, to make them a desolation and a waste, a hissing and a curse, as at this day; 19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, his servants, his officials, all his people, 20 and all the mixed tribes among them; all the kings of the land of Uz and all the kings of the land of the Philistines (Ashkelon, Gaza, Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod); 21 Edom, Moab, and the sons of Ammon; 22 all the kings of Tyre, all the kings of Sidon, and the kings of the coastland across the sea; 23 Dedan, Tema, Buz, and all who cut the corners of their hair; 24 all the kings of Arabia and all the kings of the mixed tribes who dwell in the desert; 25 all the kings of Zimri, all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of Media; 26 all the kings of the north, far and near, one after another, and all the kingdoms of the world that are on the face of the earth. And after them the king of Babylon shall drink. 27 Then you shall say to them, Thus says Yahweh of hosts, the God of Israel: Drink, be drunk and vomit, fall and rise no more, because of the sword that I am sending among you. 28 And if they refuse to accept the cup from your hand to drink, then

you shall say to them, Thus says Yahweh of hosts: You must drink! 29 For behold, I begin to work disaster at the city [Jerusalem] that is called by my name, and shall you go unpunished? You shall not go unpunished, for I am summoning a sword against all the inhabitants of the earth,<sup>3</sup> declares Yahweh of hosts.

(3) **Mic 5:15** 15 ...In anger (אֵרָא) and wrath (הַמָּוֶה) I will execute vengeance (נִקְמָה) on the nations that did not obey.

(4) **Hab 3:12-13** 12 You marched through the earth in fury. You threshed the nations in anger. 13 You went out for the salvation of your people, for the salvation of your anointed.

(5) **Zep 3:8** 8 ...Wait for me, declares Yahweh, for the day when I rise up to seize the prey. For my decision is to gather nations, to assemble kingdoms, to pour out upon them my indignation, all my burning anger, for in the fire of my jealousy all the earth shall be consumed.

c. Cities of the nations.

(1) **Re 16:17-19** 17 The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple, from the throne, saying, It is done! 18 And there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, and a great earthquake such as there had never been since man was on the earth, so great was that earthquake. 19 The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell, and God remembered Babylon the great, to make her drain the cup of the wine of the fury of his wrath.

d. People of all ages.

(1) **Jer 6:10-11** 10 To whom shall I speak and give warning, that they may hear? Behold, their ears are uncircumcised, they cannot listen. Behold, the word of Yahweh is to them an object of scorn. They take no pleasure in it. 11 Therefore I am full of the wrath of Yahweh. I am weary of holding it in. Pour it out upon the children in the street and upon the gatherings of young men also. Both husband and wife shall be taken, the elderly and the very aged.

e. All earth-dwellers.

(1) **Zep 1:14-18** 14 The great day of Yahweh is near, near and hastening fast. The sound of the day of Yahweh is bitter. The mighty man cries aloud there. 15 A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, 16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. 17 I will bring distress on humanity, so that they shall walk like the blind, because they have sinned against Yahweh. Their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them on the day of the wrath of Yahweh. In the fire of his jealousy, all the earth shall be consumed. For a full and sudden end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

(2) **Re 6:15-17** 15 ...The kings of the earth, the great ones, the generals, the rich, the powerful, and everyone, slave and free, hid themselves in the caves and among the rocks of the mountains, 16 calling to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us and

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<sup>3</sup> The earth-dwellers of Revelation.



hide us from the face of him who is seated on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb, 17 for the great day of their wrath has come, and who can stand?

f. Animals.

(1) **Jer 21:5-6** 5 I [Yahweh] myself will fight against you [Israel] with outstretched hand and strong arm, in anger (אָר), in fury (הַמָּוֶה), and in great wrath (הַמְּצִיץ). 6 And I will strike down the inhabitants of this city [Jerusalem], both man and beast. They shall die of a great pestilence.

g. Plants.

(1) **Jer 7:20** 20 ... Thus says Lord Yahweh: Behold, my anger and my wrath will be poured out on this place, upon man and beast, upon the trees of the field and the fruit of the ground. It will burn and not be quenched.

h. The earth itself.

(1) **Zep 3:8** 8 ... Wait for me, declares Yahweh, for the day when I rise up to seize the prey. For my decision is to gather nations, to assemble kingdoms, to pour out upon them my indignation, all my burning anger, for in the fire of my jealousy all the earth shall be consumed.

(2) **Re 16:17-19** 17 The seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air, and a loud voice came out of the temple, from the throne, saying, It is done! 18 And there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, and a great earthquake such as there had never been since man was on the earth, so great was that earthquake. 19 The great city was split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell, and God remembered Babylon the great, to make her drain the cup of the wine of the fury of his wrath.

18. On one hand, we are to look forward to God's wrath.

- a. **Jer 6:10-11** 10 To whom shall I speak and give warning, that they may hear? Behold, their ears are uncircumcised, they cannot listen. Behold, the word of Yahweh is to them an object of scorn. They take no pleasure in it. 11 Therefore I am full of the wrath of Yahweh. I am weary of holding it in. Pour it out upon the children in the street and upon the gatherings of young men also. Both husband and wife shall be taken, the elderly and the very aged.
- b. **Jer 10:25** 25 Pour out your wrath on the nations that know you not, and on the peoples that call not on your name, for they have devoured Jacob. They have devoured him and consumed him, and have laid waste his habitation.
- c. **Jer 18:23** 23 ... You, Yahweh, know all their plotting to kill me [Jeremiah]. Forgive not their iniquity, nor blot out their sin from your sight. Let them be overthrown before you. Deal with them in the time of your anger.
- d. **Hab 3:12-13** 12 You marched through the earth in fury. You threshed the nations in anger. 13 You went out for the salvation of your people, for the salvation of your anointed.
- e. **Re 11:15-18** 16 ... The twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshiped God 17 saying, We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign. 18 The nations raged, but your wrath came, and the time for the dead to be judged, and for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints, and those who fear your name, both small and great, and for destroying the destroyers of the earth.

- f. On the other hand, we are not.  
(1) **Jer 7:29** 29 Cut off your hair and cast it away. Raise a lamentation on the bare heights, for Yahweh has rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath.

19. God inflicts his wrath through:

- a. Ten plagues of Egypt.
- b. Curses on Israel.
- c. Seven seals, seven trumpets, and seven bowls of the Tribulation.  
(1) **Re 15:1** 1 ...I saw another sign in heaven, great and amazing, seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is finished.
- d. Disease.  
(1) **Jer 21:5-6** 5 I [Yahweh] myself will fight against you [Israel] with outstretched hand and strong arm, in anger (אֵרָא), in fury (חֵמָה), and in great wrath (אֵפֶרֶת). 6 And I will strike down the inhabitants of this city [Jerusalem], both man and beast. They shall die of a great pestilence.

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**Jeremiah 23:18–20** 18 For who among them has stood in the council of the Lord to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? 19 Behold, the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. 20 The anger of the Lord will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly.

**Jeremiah 25:8–14** 8 “Therefore thus says the Lord of hosts: Because you have not obeyed my words, 9 behold, I will send for all the tribes of the north, declares the Lord, and for Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and I will bring them against this land and its inhabitants, and against all these surrounding nations. I will devote them to destruction, and make them a horror, a hissing, and an everlasting desolation. 10 Moreover, I will banish from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the grinding of the millstones and the light of the lamp. 11 This whole land shall become a ruin and a waste, and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. 12 Then after seventy years are completed, I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity, declares the Lord, making the land an everlasting waste. 13 I will bring upon that land all the words that I have uttered against it, everything written in this book, which Jeremiah prophesied against all the nations. 14 For many nations and great kings shall make slaves even of them, and I will recompense them according to their deeds and the work of their hands.”

**Jeremiah 25:34–38** 34 “Wail, you shepherds, and cry out, and roll in ashes, you lords of the flock, for the days of your slaughter and dispersion have come, and you shall fall like a choice vessel. 35 No refuge will remain for the shepherds, nor escape for the lords of the flock. 36 A voice—the cry of the shepherds, and the wail of the lords of the flock! For the Lord is laying waste their pasture, 37 and the peaceful folds are devastated because of the fierce anger of the Lord. 38 Like a lion he has

left his lair, for their land has become a waste because of the sword of the oppressor, and because of his fierce anger.”

Ps 61.1-2