

¹“For behold, in those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem,
²I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. And I will enter into judgment with them there, on behalf of my people and my heritage Israel, because they have scattered them among the nations and have divided up my land,
³and have cast lots for my people, and have traded a boy for a prostitute, and have sold a girl for wine and have drunk it.

Divine Judgement

⁴“What are you to me, O Tyre and Sidon, and all the regions of Philistia? Are you paying me back for something? If you are paying me back, I will return your payment on your own head swiftly and speedily.
⁵For you have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried my rich treasures into your temples.
⁶You have sold the people of Judah and Jerusalem to the Greeks in order to remove them far from their own border.
⁷Behold, I will stir them up from the place to which you have sold them, and I will return your payment on your own head.
⁸I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the people of Judah, and they will sell them to the Sabeans, to a nation far away, for the LORD has spoken.”

Divine Vengeance

⁹Proclaim this among the nations: Consecrate for war; stir up the mighty men. Let all the men of war draw near; let them come up.
¹⁰Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, “I am a warrior.”
¹¹Hasten and come, all you surrounding nations, and gather yourselves there. Bring down your warriors, O LORD.
¹²Let the nations stir themselves up and come up to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; for there I will sit to judge all the surrounding nations.
¹³Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Go in, tread, for the winepress is full. The vats overflow, for their evil is great.
¹⁴Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.
¹⁵The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining.
¹⁶The LORD roars from Zion, and utters his voice from Jerusalem, and the heavens and the earth quake. But the LORD is a refuge to his people, a stronghold to the people of Israel.

Divine Destruction