



ZECHARIAH.

CHAP. I.

1 Zechariah exhorteth to repentance. 7 The vision of the horses. 12 At the prayer of the Angel, comfortable promises are made to Jerusalem. 18 The vision of the four hornes, and the four Carpenters.



In the eight moneth, in the seconde yeere of Darius, came the word of the LORD vnto Zechariah, the sonne of Barachiah, the sonne of Iddo the Prophet, saying,

2 The LORD hath bene sore displeased with your fathers.

3 Therefore say thou vnto them, Thus saith the LORD of hostes; Turne ye vnto me, saith the LORD of hostes, and I will turne vnto you, saith the LORD of hostes.

4 * Be ye not as your fathers, vnto whom the former Prophets haue cried, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hostes, Turne ye now from your euill wayes, and from your euill doings: but they did not heare, nor hearken vnto me, saith the LORD.

5 Your fathers, where are they? and the Prophets, doe they liue for ever?

6 But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my seruants the Prophets, did they not take holde of your fathers: and they returned and saide; * Like as the LORD of hostes thought to doe vnto vs, according to our wayes, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with vs.

7 Upon the foure and twentieth day of the eleuenth moneth, which is the moneth Sebat, in the second yere of Darius, came the word of the LORD vnto Zechariah, the sonne of Barachiah, the sonne of Iddo the Prophet, saying;

8 I saw by night, and behold a man riding vpon a red horse, and he stood a-

mong the myrtle trees that were in the bottome, and behinde him were there red horses, || speckled and white.

9 Then said I, O my Lord, what are these? And the Angel that talked with me, said vnto me, I wil shew thee what these be.

10 And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered, and said, These are they, whom the LORD hath sent to walke to and fro through the earth.

11 And they answered the Angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, Wee haue walked to and fro through the earth: and behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.

12 Then the Angel of the LORD answered, and said, O LORD of hostes, how long wilt thou not haue mercie on Jerusalem, and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten yeeres?

13 And the LORD answered the Angel that talked with me, with good words, and comfortable words.

14 So the Angel that communed with me, said vnto me; Cry thou, saying; Thus saith the LORD of hostes, I am * iealous for Jerusalem, and for Zion, with a great iealousie.

15 And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction.

16 Therefore thus saith the LORD, I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall bee built in it, saith the LORD of hostes, and a line shall be stretched forth vpon Jerusalem.

17 Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hostes, My cities through prosperitie shall yet be spread abroad, and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

18 Then lift I vp mine eyes, and saw, and behold foure hornes.

19 And I said vnto the Angel that talked with me; what be these? and he answered mee, These are the hornes which

† Hebr. with displeasure.

* Mal. 3. 7.

* Isa. 31. 6.
iere. 3. 12.
and 18. 11.
eze. 18. 30.
hose. 14. 1.

|| Or, smerte take.

* Lam. 1. 18.

|| Or, bay.

* Chap. 8. 1.

† Hebr. good

which haue scattered Iudah, Israel, and Ierusalem.

20 And the LORD shewed mee foure carpenters.

21 Then said I, what come these to doe: And hee spake, saying, These are the hornes which haue scattered Iudah, so that no man did lift vp his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast out the hornes of the Gentiles, which lift vp their horne over the land of Iudah to scatter it.

CHAP. II.

1 God in the care of Ierusalem sendeth to measure it. 6 The redemption of Zion. 10 The promise of Gods presence.

Lift vp mine eyes againe, and looked, and behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand.

2 Then said I, whither goest thou: And hee said vnto me, To measure Ierusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof.

3 And behold, the Angel that talked with me, went forth, and another Angel went out to meete him:

4 And said vnto him, Run, speake to this young man, saying; Ierusalem shall be inhabited as townes without walles, for the multitude of men and cattell therein.

5 For I, saith the LORD, will be vnto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her.

6 **H**o, ho, come forth, and flee from the land of the North, saith the LORD: for I haue spread you abroad as the foure windes of the heauen, saith the LORD.

7 Deliuer thy selfe, O Zion, that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon.

8 For thus saith the LORD of hostes, After the glory hath he sent me vnto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you, toucheth the apple of his eye.

9 For behold, I will shake mine hand vpon them, and they shall bee a spoile to their seruants: and yee shall know that the LORD of hostes hath sent me.

10 **S**ing and reioyce, O daughter of Zion: for loe, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.

11 And many nations shalbe ioyned

to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hostes hath sent me vnto thee.

12 And the LORD shall inherite Iudah his portion in the holy land, and shall choole Ierusalem againe.

13 Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for he is raised vp out of his holy habitation.

† Heb. the habitation of his holines.

CHAP. III.

1 Vnder the type of Ioshua, the restauration of the Church. 18 Christ the Branch is promised.

And he shewed me Ioshua the high Priest, standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

|| That is, an aduersarie.

† Heb. to be his aduersarie.

** Iude 9.*

2 And the LORD said vnto Satan; The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan, euen the LORD that hath chosen Ierusalem rebuke thee. Is not this a brand pluckt out of the fire?

3 Now Ioshua was clothed with filthie garments, and stood before the Angel.

4 And he answered, and spake vnto those that stood before him, saying, Take away the filthie garments from him. And vnto him he said, Behold, I haue caused thine iniquity to passe from thee, and I wil clothe thee with change of raiment.

5 And I said, Let them set a faire mitre vpon his head. So they set a faire mitre vpon his head, and clothed him with garments, and the Angel of the LORD stood by.

6 And the Angel of the LORD protested vnto Ioshua, saying;

7 Thus saith the LORD of hostes, If thou wilt walke in my wayes, and if thou wilt keepe my charge, then thou shalt also iudge my house, and shalt also keepe my Courts, and I will giue thee places to walke among these that stand by.

|| Or, ordinance.

† Heb. walks.

8 Heare now, O Ioshua the high Priest, thou and thy fellowes that sit before thee: for they are men wondred at: for behold, I will bring forth my seruant the BRANCH.

† Heb. men of wonder.

** Isai 11. 1. iere. 23. 5. and 33. 15. chap. 6. 12. luke 1. 78.*

9 For behold the stone that I haue layd before Ioshua: vpon one stone shall be seuen eyes, behold, I will engraue the graving thereof, saith the LORD

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** Deut. 32. 10. psal. 17. 8.*

** Isai 12. 6. and 54. 1. Leuit. 26. 12. ezech. 37. 27. 2. cor. 6. 18.*

of hostes, and I will remoue the iniquitie of that land in one day.

10 In that day, saith the LORD of hostes, shall ye call euery man his neighbour vnder the vine and vnder the figge tree.

CHAP. III.

1 By the golden Candlesticke is foreshewed the good successe of Zerubbabels foundation. 11 By the two Oliue trees the two anointed ones.

And the Angell that talked with me, came againe and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleepe:

2 And said vnto mee, what seest thou: and I said, I haue looked, and behold a candlesticke all of gold, with a bowle vpon the top of it, and his seuen lampes thereon, and 7 seuen pipes to the seuen lampes, which were vpon the top thereof.

3 And two Oliue trees by it, one vpon the right side of the bowle, and the other vpon the left side thereof.

4 So I answered and spake to the Angell that talked with mee, saying: what are these, my Lord:

5 Then the Angel that talked with me, answered and said vnto me: Knowest thou not what these be: and I said, No, my Lord.

6 Then hee answered and spake vnto mee, saying: This is the word of the LORD vnto Zerubbabel, saying: Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hostes.

7 Who art thou, O great mountaine: before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plaine, and he shall bring forth the head stone thereof with shoutings, crying: Grace, grace vnto it.

8 Moreover the word of the LORD came vnto me, saying:

9 The hands of Zerubbabel haue layed the foundation of this house: his hands shall also finish it, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hostes hath sent me vnto you.

10 For who hath despised the day of small things: for they shall reioyce and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel with those seuen: they are the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.

11 Then answered I, and said vnto

him: what are these two oliue trees vpon the right side of the candlesticke, and vpon the left side thereof:

12 And I answered againe and said vnto him, what be these two oliue branches, which through the two golden pipes empty the golden oyle out of themselves:

13 And hee answered mee and said: Knowest thou not what these be: and I said, No, my Lord.

14 Then said he: These are the two anointed ones, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

CHAP. V.

1 By the flying rowle, is shewed the curse of Theeues and Swearers. 5 By a woman pressed in an Ephah, the final damnation of Babylon.

When I turned, and lift up mine eyes, and looked, and behold, a flying rowle.

2 And hee said vnto mee, what seest thou: and I answered, I see a flying rowle, the length thereof is twentie cubites, and the breadth thereof tenne cubites.

3 Then said hee vnto mee: This is the curse, that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth: for euery one that stealeth shall be cut off as on this side, according to it; and euery one that sweareth shall be cut off as on that side, according to it.

4 I will bring it forth, saith the LORD of hostes, and it shall enter into the house of the theefe, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name: and it shall remaine in the midst of his house, and shall consume it, with the timber thereof, and the stones thereof.

5 Then the Angell that talked with me, went forth and said vnto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth.

6 And I said, what is it: and hee said, This is an Ephah that goeth forth. Hee said moreover, This is their resemblance through all the earth.

7 And behold, there was lift up a talent of lead: and this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the Ephah.

8 And he said, This is wickednesse, and he cast it into the midst of the Ephah, and he cast the weight of lead vpon the mouth thereof.

9 Then

† Heb. with her bowle.

|| Or, seuen seuerall pipes to the lampes &c.

|| Or, armie.

|| Or, with the seuen eyes of the Lord shall reioyce.
† Heb. stone of sinne.
* Chap. 3. 9.

† Heb. by the hand.
|| Or, empty out of themselves oyle into the gold.
† Heb. the gold.

† Heb. sonnes of oyle.

|| Or, euery one of this people that stealeth, holdeth himselfe guiltlesse as it doth.

|| Or, weighty piece.

9 Then lift I vp mine eyes, and looked, & behold, there came out two women, and the winde was in their wings (for they had wings like the wings of a storke) and they lift vp the Ephah betwene the earth and the heauen.

10 Then saide I to the Angel that talked with me, Whither do these beare the Ephah?

11 And he said vnto mee, To build it an house in the land of Shinar, and it shall be established, and set there vpon her owne base.

CHAP. VI.

1 The vision of the foure charets. 9 By the Crownes of Ioshua, is shewed the Temple and Kingdome of Christ the Branch.

AND I turned, and lift vp mine eyes, and looked, and beholde, there came foure charets out from betwene two mountaines, and the mountaines were mountaines of brasle.

2 In the first charet were red horses, and in the second charet, blacke horses.

3 And in the third charet white horses, and in the fourth charet grised and bay horses.

4 Then I answered, and said vnto the Angel that talked with mee, What are these, my LORD?

5 And the Angel answered and said vnto me, These are the foure spirits of the heauens, which go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth.

6 The blacke horses which are therein, goe forth into the North countrey, and the white goe forth after them, and the grised goe forth toward the South countrey.

7 And the baye went forth, and sought to goe, that they might walke to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get ye hence, walke to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth.

8 Then cried he vpon me, and spake vnto me, saying, Behold, these that goe toward the North countrey, haue quieted my spirit, in the North countrey.

9 And the word of the LORD came vnto me, saying,

10 Take of them of the captiuitie, euen of Belshazzar, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, which are come from Babylon, and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah.

11 Then take siluer, and golde, and make crownes, and set them vpon the head of Ioshua the sonne of Josedech, the high priest.

12 And speake vnto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hostes, saying, Behold, the man whose name is the *BRANCH, and he shall growe vp out of his place, and he shall build the Temple of the LORD:

13 Euen he shall build the temple of the LORD, and he shall beare the glory, and shall sit and rule vpon his throne, and he shall be a priest vpon his throne, and the counsell of peace shall bee betwene them both.

14 And the crownes shall bee to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the sonne of Zephaniah for a memoriall, in the Temple of the LORD.

15 And they that are farre off, shall come and build in the Temple of the LORD, and ye shall knowe that the LORD of hosts hath sent me vnto you. And this shall come to passe, if ye will diligently obey the voyce of the LORD your God.

CHAP. VII.

1 The captiues enquire of fasting. 4 Zechariah reproceth their fasting. 8 Sinne the cause of their captiuitie.

AND it came to passe in the fourth yeere of King Darius, that the word of the LORD came vnto Zechariah in the fourth day of the ninth moneth, euen in Chilleu.

2 When they had sent vnto the house of God, Sherezzer and Regem-melech, and their men to pray before the LORD,

3 And to speake vnto the priestes, which were in the house of the LORD of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weepe in the fift moneth, separating my selfe, as I haue done these so many yeeres?

4 Then came the word of the LORD of hosts vnto me, saying,

5 Speake vnto all the people of the land, and to the priestes, saying, When ye *fasted and mourned in the fift and seuenth moneth, euen those seuenth yeeres, did ye at all fast vnto me, euen to me?

6 And when ye did eat, and when ye did drinke, did not ye eat for your selues, and drinke for your selues?

* Chap. 3.4
|| Or, branch
up from vnder him.

† Heb. to intreat the face of the Lord.

* Isa. 58.5.

|| Or, be not ye they that &c.

Rebellious people. Zechariah. The Iewes restored.

|| Or, are not these the wordes.
† Hebr. by the hand of, &c.

7 || Should yee not heare the wordes, which the **LORD** hath cried † by the former Prophets, when Ierusalem was inhabited, and in prosperitie, and the cities thereof round about her, when men inhabited the South of the plaine:

8 ¶ And the word of the **LORD** came vnto Zechariah, saying:

† Hebr. iudge iudgement of truth.

9 Thus speaketh the **LORD** of hostes, saying, † Execute true iudgement, and shew mercie and compassionseuery man to his brother.

* Exod. 22. 21. isa. 1. 23. iere. 5. 28.

10 And oppresse not the * widow, nor the fatherlesse, the stranger, nor the poore, and let none of you imagine euill against his brother in your heart.

† Hebr. they gaue a backsliding shoulder.

11 But they refused to hearken, and † pulled away the shoulder, and † stopped their eares, that they should not heare.

† Hebr. made heauie.

12 Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should heare the Law, and the wordes which the **LORD** of hostes hath sent in his spirit † by the former Prophets: therefore came a great wrath from the **LORD** of hostes.

† Hebr. by the hand of &c.

13 Therefore it is come to passe, that as he cried, and they would not heare, so * they cried, and I would not heare, saith the **LORD** of hostes.

* Pro. 1. 28. isa. 1. 15. iere. 11. 11. and 14. 2.

14 But I scattered them with a whirlewinde among all the nations, whom they knew not: thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through, nor returned: for they layed the † pleasant land desolate.

† Hebr. land of desolation.

CHAP. VIII.

1 The restoration of Ierusalem. 9 They are encouraged to the building by Gods fauour to them. 16 Good workes are required of them. 18 Ioy and enlargement are promised.

¶ Came the word of the **LORD** of hostes came to me, saying:

2 Thus sayeth the **LORD** of hostes, I was iealous for Zion, with great iealousie; and I was * iealous for her with great furie.

* Cha. 1. 14.

3 Thus saith the **LORD**, I am returned vnto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Ierusalem, and Ierusalem shall be called a Citie of truth, and the Mountaine of the **LORD** of hostes, the holy Mountaine.

4 Thus saith the **LORD** of hostes;

There shall yet old men, and old women, dwell in the streets of Ierusalem, and euery man with his staffe in his hand † for very age.

† Hebr. for multitude of dayes.

5 And the streets of the citie shall be full of boyes and girles playing in the streets thereof.

6 Thus saith the **LORD** of hostes, If it bee marueilous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these dayes, should it also bee || marueilous in my eyes, saith the **LORD** of hostes:

|| Or, hard or difficult.

7 Thus saith the **LORD** of hostes, Beholde, I will saue my people from the East countrey, and from the † West countrey.

† Hebr. the countrey of the going downe of the Sunne.

8 And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Ierusalem, and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in Truth and in Righteousnesse.

9 ¶ Thus saith the **LORD** of hostes, Let your handes be strong, ye that heare in these dayes, these wordes by the mouth of the Prophets, which were in the day that the foundation of the house of the **LORD** of hostes was laied, that the Temple might be built.

10 For before these daies there was no || hire for man, nor any hire for beast, neither was there any peace to him that went out, or came in, because of the affliction: for I set all men, euery one against his neighbour.

|| Or, the hire of man became nothing. &c. Haggai. 1. 6.

11 But now I will not be vnto the residue of this people, as in the former daies, saith the **LORD** of hostes.

12 For the seed shall be † prosperous: the Vine shall giue her fruit, and the ground shall giue her increase, and the heauens shall giue their dew, and I will cause the remnant of this people to possesse all these things.

† Hebr. of peace.

13 And it shall come to passe, that as yee were a curse among the heathen, O house of Iudah, and house of Israel; so will I saue you, and ye shall be a blessing: feare not, but let your handes be strong.

14 For thus saith the **LORD** of hostes, As I thought to punish you, when your fathers prouoked mee to wrath, saith the **LORD** of hostes, and I repented not:

15 So againe haue I thought in these dayes to doe well vnto Ierusalem, and to the house of Iudah: feare ye not.

16 ¶ These are the things that yee shall

Ephel. 4.

† Heb. iudge
truth, and
the iudge-
ment of
peace.

shall doe; * Speake yee euery man the truth to his neighbor: execute the iudgment of truth and peace in your gates.

17 And let none of you imagine euill in your hearts against his neighbour, and loue no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD.

18 And the word of the LORD of hostes came vnto me, saying,

19 Thus saith the LORD of hostes: The fast of the fourth moneth, and the fast of the fift, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth shall be to the house of Iudah ioy and gladnesse, and cheerefull † feasts: therefore loue the truth and peace.

20 Thus saith the LORD of hostes, It shall yet come to passe, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities.

21 And the inhabitants of one citie shall goe to another, saying, * Let vs goe speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seeke the LORD of hostes: I will goe also.

22 Bea many people and strong nations shall come to seeke the LORD of hostes in Ierusalem, and to pray before the LORD.

23 Thus saith the LORD of hostes, In those daies it shall come to passe, that ten men shall take holde out of all languages of the nations, euen shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, wee will goe with you: for we haue heard that God is with you.

C H A P. IX.

1 God defendeth his Church. 9 Zion is exhortet to reioyce for the comming of Christ, and his peaceable Kingdome. 12 Gods promises of Victory and Defence.

The burden of the word of the LORD in the land of Hadrach, and Damascus shall bee the rest thereof: when the eyes of man, as of all the tribes of Israel shall be toward the LORD.

2 And Hamath also shall border thereby; Tyrus and Zidon, though it be very * wise.

3 And Tyrus did bulde her selfe a strong hold, and heaped vp siluer as the dust, and fine golde as the myze of the streets.

4 Behold, the Lord wil cast her out, and he will smite her power in the sea,

and she shall be deuoured with fire.

5 Ashkelon shall see it, and feare, Gaza also shall see it and be very sorrowfull, and Ekron: for her expectation shall be ashamed, and the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.

6 And a bastard shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.

7 And I wil take away his † blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from betweene his teeth: but he that remaineth, euen hee shall be for our God, and he shall be as a gouernour in Iudah, and Ekron as a Jebusite.

8 And I will encampe about mine house because of the armie, because of him that passeth by, and because of him that returneth: and no oppressour shall passe through them any more: for now haue I seene with mine eyes.

9 * Reioyce greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout O daughter of Ierusalem: beholde, thy King commeth vnto thee: hee is iust, and hauing saluation, lowly, and riding vpon an asse, and vpon a colt, the foale of an asse.

10 And I wil cut off the charet from Ephraim, and the horse from Ierusalem: and the battell bow shall be cut off, and he shall speake peace vnto the heathen, and his dominion shall be * from sea euen to sea, and from the Riuer, euen to the ends of the earth.

11 As for thee also, || by the blood of thy Couenant, I haue sent forth thy * prisoners out of the pit, wherein is no water.

12 Turne ye to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope, euen to day doe I declare that I will render double vnto thee:

13 When I haue bent Iudah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim, and raised vp thy sonnes O Zion, against thy sonnes, O Greece, and made thee as the sword of a mightie man.

14 And the LORD shall be seene ouer them, and his arrow shall goe forth as the lightning: and the Lord GOD shall blow the trumpet, and shall goe with whirlewinds of the South.

15 The LORD of hostes shall defend them, and they shall deuoure, and subdue with sling stones, and they shall drinke and make a noise, as through wine, and they shall bee filled like bowles, and as the corners of the Altar.

16 And

† Heb.
bloods.* Isa. 62. 11.
matth. 21.
5. ioh. 12.
15.
|| Or, saving
himselfe.* Psal. 72.
8.|| Or, whose
Covenant is
by blood.
* Isa. 61. 1.|| Or, subdue
the stones of
the sling.
|| Or, shall fill
both the
bowles, &c.† Heb. so-
lemne, or set
time.* Isa. 2. 2.
mic. 4. 12.
|| Or, conti-
nually. Hebr.
going.
† Heb. to in-
treat the
face.* Ezek. 28.
3. &c.

16 And the LORD their God shall saue them in that day as the flock of his people, for they shall be as the stones of a crowne lifted vp as an ensigne vpon his land.

|| Or, grow, or speake.

17 For how great is his goodnesse, and how great is his beautie: corne shall make the yong men || cheerefull, and new wine the maides.

CHAP. X.

1 God is to be sought vnto, and not idoles. 5 As he visited his flocke for sinne, so he will saue and restore them.

|| Or, lightnings.

ASKE yee of the LORD raine in the time of the latter raine, so the LORD shall make || bright clouds, and giue them shoures of raine, to euery one grasse in the field.

* Ier. 10. 8. abac. 2. 18. † Heb. teraphims.

|| Or, answered that &c.

2 For the * idoles haue spoken vanitie, and the diuiners haue seene a lye, and haue told false dreames; they comfort in vaine: therefore they went their way as a flocke, they || were troubled because there was no shepheard.

† Heb. visited upon.

3 Mine anger was kindled against the shepheards, and I † punished the goats: for the LORD of hostes hath visited his flocke the house of Iudah, and hath made them as his goodly horse in the battell.

4 Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the naile, out of him the battell bow, out of him euery oppressour together.

|| Or, they shall make the riders on horses ashamed.

5 And they shall bee as mightie men which tread downe their enemies in the myze of the streets in the battell, and they shall fight because the LORD is with them, and the || riders on horses shall be confounded.

6 And I will strengthen the house of Iudah, and I will saue the house of Ioseph, and I will bring them againe to place them, for I haue mercie vpon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am the LORD their God, & will heare them.

7 And they of Ephraim shall be like a mightie man, and their heart shall reioyce as through wine: yea, their children shall see it, and be glad, their heart shall reioyce in the LORD.

8 I will hisse for them and gather them, for I haue redeemed them: and they shall increase as they haue increased.

9 And I will sow them among the people, and they shall remember me in farre countries, and they shall liue with their children, and turne againe.

10 I will bring them againe also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria, and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon, and place shall not be found for them.

11 And he shall passe through the sea with affliction, & shall smite the waues in the Sea, and all the deepes of the riuer shall dry vp: and the pride of Assyria shall be brought downe, and the scepter of Egypt shall depart away.

12 And I will strengthen them in the LORD, and they shall walke vp and downe in his name, saith the LORD.

CHAP. XI.

1 The destruction of Ierusalem. 3 The elect being cared for, the rest are reiecte. 10 The stauers of beauty and bands broken by the reiection of Christ. 15 The Type and curse of a foolish Shepheard.

Open thy doores, O Lebanon, that the fire may deuoure thy cedars.

2 Howle firre tree, for the cedar is fallen; because all the || mighty are spoiled; howle O yee oaks of Bashan, for the || Forrest of the vintage is come downe.

|| Or, gallants. || Or, the defenced Forrest.

3 There is a voyce of the howling of the shepheards, for their glory is spoiled: a voyce of the roaring of young lions, for the pride of Jordan is spoiled.

4 Thus saith the LORD my God; Feede the flocke of the slaughter;

5 whose possessours slay them, and hold themselves not guiltie: and they that sell the say, Blessed be the LORD; for I am rich: and their owne shepheards pitie them not.

6 For I will no more pitie the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD: but loe, I will † deliuer the men euery one into his neighbours hand, and into the hand of his King, and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliuer them.

† Heb. make to be found.

7 And I will feede the flocke of slaughter, euen you, O || poore of the flocke: and I tooke vnto me two stanes; the one I called Beautie, and the other I called || Blandes, and I fed the flocke.

|| Or, verily the poore.

|| Or, binders.

†Hebr. was
frustrated
for them.

*Ier. 15. 2.

†Hebr. of
his fellow or
neighbour.

|| Or, the
poore of the
flocke, &c.
certainly
knewe.

†Hebr. if it
be good in
your eyes.

*Matth. 26.

15.

*Matth. 27.

9.

|| Or, bin-
ders.

|| Or, hidden.

|| Or, beare.

*Iere. 23. 1.

ezek. 34. 2.

john 10. 12.

8 Three shepherds also I cut off in one moneth, and my soule †loathed them, and their soule also abhorred mee.

9 Then said I, I * Will not feede you: that that dieth, let it die: and that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off, and let the rest eate, euery one the flesh of †another.

10 And I tooke my staffe, euen Beautie, and cut it asunder, that I might breake my couenant which I had made with all the people.

11 And it was broken in that day: and so || the poore of the flocke that waited vpon me, knew that it was the word of the LORD.

12 And I said vnto them, † If yee thinke good, giue me my price: and if not, forbear: so they * weighed for my price thirtie pieces of siluer.

13 And the LORD said vnto mee, Cast it vnto the * potter: a goodly price, that I was prised at of them. And I tooke the thirtie pieces of siluer, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.

14 Then I cut asunder mine other staffe, euen || Bands, that I might break the brotherhood betweene Judah and Israel.

15 And the LORD said vnto me, Take vnto thee yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd.

16 For loe, I wil raise vp a shepherd in the land, which shall not visit those that bee || cut off, neither shall seeke the yong one, nor heale that that is broken, nor || feed that that standeth still: but he shall eate the flesh of the fat, and teare their clawes in pieces.

17 * Woe to the idoll shepherd that leaueth the flocke: the sword shall be vpon his arme, and vpon his right eye: his arme shall be cleane dyled vp, and his right eye shall be vtterly darkened.

CHAP. XII.

1 Ierusalem a cup of trembling to her selfe, 3 and a burdensome stone to her aduersaries. 6 The victorious restoring of Iudah. 9 The repentance of Ierusalem.

The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heauens, and laith the foundation of the earth, and formeth the

spirit of man within him.

2 Behold, I will make Ierusalem a cup of || trembling vnto all the people round about, || when they shall be in the siege both against Iudah and against Ierusalem.

3 And in that day will I make Ierusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it, shall be cut in pieces: though all the people of the earth bee gathered together against it.

4 In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite euery horse with astonishment, and his rider with madnesse, and I will open mine eyes vpon the house of Iudah, and will smite euery horse of the people with blindness.

5 And the gouernours of Iudah shall say in their heart, || The inhabitants of Ierusalem shall be my strength in the LORD of hostes their God.

6 In that day will I make the gouernours of Iudah like a harth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheafe: and they shall deuoure all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Ierusalem shall bee inhabited againe in her owne place, euen in Ierusalem.

7 The LORD also shall saue the tents of Iudah first, that the glory of the house of David, and the glory of the inhabitants of Ierusalem do not magnifie themselves against Iudah.

8 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Ierusalem, and he that is || feeble among them at that day shall be as David: and the house of David shall be as God, as the Angel of the LORD before them.

9 And it shall come to passe in that day, that I will seeke to destroy all the nations that come against Ierusalem.

10 And I wil powre vpon the house of David, and vpon the inhabitants of Ierusalem the spirit of grace and of supplications, and they shall * looke vpon me whom they haue pearced, and they shall mourne for him, as one mourneth for his onely sonne, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first borne.

11 In that day shall there bee a great mourning in Ierusalem, as the * mourning of * Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

12 And the land shall mourne, † euery familie

|| Or, slumber or poison.

|| Or, and also against Iudah shall be which shall be in siege against Ierusalem.

|| Or, there is strength to me and to the inhabitants, &c.

|| Or, abiekt. Hebr. fallen.

* Ioh. 19.

34. 37.

reuel. 1. 7.

* Acts 2. 37.

* 2. Chron.

35. 22.

† Heb. families, families.

familie apart, the familie of the house of David apart, and their wiues apart, the familie of the house of Nathan apart, and their wiues apart:

13 The familie of the house of Levi apart, and their wiues apart: the familie of Shimei apart, and their wiues apart:

14 All the families that remaine, e- uery family apart, & their wiues apart.

CHAP. XIII.

1 The fountaine of purgation for Ierusalem, 2 from idolatrie, and false prophecie. 7 The death of Christ, and the triall of a third part.

In that day there shalbe a fountaine opened to the house of David, and to the inhabitants of Ierusalem, for sinne, and for vncleannesse.

† Heb. sepe- ration for vncleannesse.

* Ezek. 30. 13.

2 And it shal come to passe in that day, saith the LORD of hostes, that I will cut off the names of the idoles out of the land: and they shal no more be remembred: and also I wil cause the prophets, and the vncleane spirit to passe out of the land.

3 And it shal come to passe that when any shall yet prophecie, then his father and his mother that begate him, shall say vnto him. Thou shalt not liue: for thou speakest lies in the Name of the LORD: and his father and his mother, that begate him, shall thrust him through when he prophecieth.

4 And it shall come to passe in that day, that the prophets shalbe ashamed euery one of his vision, when hee hath prophecied: neither shall they weare a rough garment to deceiue.

† Heb. a garment of haire. † Heb. to lie.

5 But he shal say, I am no prophet, I am an husbandman: for man taught me to keepe cattell from my youth.

6 And one shal say vnto him, what are these wounds in thine hands: Then hee shall answer: Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.

7 Awake, O sword, against my shepheard, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hostes: I will smite the shepheard, and the sheepe shalbe scattered: and I wil turne mine hand vpon the litle ones.

* Matt. 26. 31. mar. 14. 27.

8 And it shall come to passe, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shal be cut off, and die,

but the third shall be left therein.

9 And I will bring the thirde part through the fire, and wil refine them as siluer is refined, & will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my Name, and I wil heare them: I wil say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

* 1. Pet. 1. 6, 7.

CHAP. XIII.

1 The destroyers of Ierusalem, destroyed. 4 The coming of Christ, and the graces of his kingdome. 12 The plague of Ierusalem's enemies. 16 The remnant shal turne to the Lord, 20 And their spoiles shalbe holy.

Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoile shalbe diuided in the midst of thee.

2 For I wil gather all nations against Ierusalem to battell, and the citie shall be taken, & the houses rifled, and the women rauished, and halfe of the citie shall goe forth into captiuitie, and the residue of the people shal not be cut off from the citie.

3 Then shall the LORD goe forth and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battell.

4 And his feet shall stand in that day vpon the mount of Oliues, which is before Ierusalem on the East, and the mount of Oliues shall cleaue in the midst thereof toward the East, and toward the West, and there shal bee a very great valley, and halfe of the Mountaine shal remoue toward the North, and halfe of it toward the South.

5 And ye shal flee to the valley of the mountaines: for the valley of the mountaines shal reach vnto Azal: yea, ye shall flee like as yee fled from before the earthquake in the dayes of Uzziah king of Iudah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the Saints with thee.

|| Or, my mountaines. || Or, when he shal touch the valley of the mountaines to the place he separated. Amos 1. 1.

6 And it shall come to passe in that day, that the light shal not be cleare, nor darke.

7 But it shall be one day, which shalbe knowen to the LORD, not day nor night: but it shal come to passe that at euening time it shalbe light.

8 And it shal be in that day, that liuing waters shall goe out from Ierusalem: halfe of them toward the former Sea, and halfe of them toward the hinder Sea: in Summer and in Winter shal it be.

† Heb. precious. † Heb. thicke. || Or, the day shalbe one. * Reuel. 20. 25. * Isa. 60. 26. reu. 21. 23. * Eze. 47. 1. iocel 3. 18. reue. 22. 1. || Or, Easterne.

9 And

9 And the LORD shall be King
ouer all the earth: in that day shall there
be one LORD, and his Name one.

|| Or, com-
passed.

10 All the land shall be || turned as a
plaine from Geba to Rimmon, South
of Ierusalem: and it shall be lifted vp
and || inhabited in her place: from Ben-
iamins gate vnto the place of the first
gate, vnto the corner gate, and from the
towre of Hananiel vnto the Kings
winepresses.

|| Or, shall
abide.

11 And men shall dwell in it, and
there shall be no more vtter destruction:
but Ierusalem shall be safely inhabited.

|| Or, shall
abide.

12 And this shall be the plague,
wherewith the LORD will smite all
the people, that haue fought against Je-
rusalem: their flesh shall consume a-
way, while they stand vpon their feete,
and their eyes shall consume away in
their holes, and their tongue shall con-
sume away in their mouth.

13 And it shall come to passe in that
day, that a great tumult from the
LORD shall be among them, and they
shall lay holde euery one on the hand of
his neighbour, and his hand shall rise
vp against the hand of his neighbour.

|| Or, thou art
so O Iudah
halt.

|| Or, against.

14 And || Iudah also shall fight || at
Ierusalem, and the wealth of all the
heathen round about shall be gathered
together, golde and siluer, and apparell
in great abundance.

15 And so shall be the plague of the
horse, of the mule, of the camell, and of

the asse, and of all the beasts that shall
be in these tents, as this plague.

16 And it shall come to passe that
euery one that is left of all the nations
which came against Ierusalem, shall
euen goe vp from yeere to yeere to wor-
ship the King the LORD of hostes,
and to keepe the feast of Tabernacles.

17 And it shall be, that who so will
not come vp of all the families of the
earth vnto Ierusalem, to worship the
King the LORD of hostes, euen vp-
on them shall be no raine.

18 And if the family of Egypt goe
not vp, and come not, that haue no
raine: there shall bee the plague where-
with the LORD will smite the hea-
then that come not vp to keepe the feast
of Tabernacles.

† Heb. vpon
whom there
is not.

19 This shall be the || punishment of
Egypt, and the punishment of all nati-
ons that come not vp to keepe the feast
of Tabernacles.

|| Or, sinne.

20 In that day shall there be vp-
on the || bels of the horses, HOLINES
VNTO THE LORD, and the
pots in the LORDS house shall bee
like the bowles before the Altar.

|| Or, bridles.

21 Yea, euery pot in Ierusalem and
in Iudah shall bee holinesse vnto the
LORD of hostes, and all they that sa-
crifice, shall come and take of them, and
seethe therein: and in that day there
shall be no more the * Canaanite in the
house of the LORD of hostes.

* Isai 35. 8.
ioel 3. 17.
reu. 21. 27.
and 22. 15.



MALACHI.

CHAP. I.

1 Malachi complaineth of Israels vnkindnesse.
6 Of their irreligioufnes, 12 and profanenesse.



he burden of the
word of LORD
to Israel by Ma-
lachi.

2 I haue lo-
ued you, sayth the
LORD: yet yee
say, wherein hast
thou loued vs:

was not Elau Iacobs brother, sayth the
LORD: yet I *loued Iacob,

* Rom. 9. 13.

3 And I hated Elau, and layde his
mountaines, and his heritage waste, for
the dragons of the wilderness.

4 Whereas Edom sayth, Wee are
impouerished, but we will returne and
build the desolate places: Thus sayth
the LORD of hostes, They shall build,
but I will throw downe, and they shall
call them, The border of wickednesse,
& the people against whom the LORD
hath indignation for ever.

5 And your eyes shall see, and yee
shall say: The LORD will be magni-
fied || from the border of Israel.

6 A sonne honoureth his father,
I iii and

|| Or, vpon.
Heb. from
vpon.