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Judgment on Moab, Judah, and Israel

¹Thus saith the LORD: For three transgressions of Moab, Yea, for four, I will not reverse it: Because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime.

²So will I send a fire upon Moab, And it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth; And Moab shall die with tumult, With shouting, and with the sound of the horn;

³And I will cut off the judge from the midst thereof, And will slay all the princes thereof with him, Saith the LORD.

⁴Thus saith the LORD: For three transgressions of Judah, Yea, for four, I will not reverse it: Because they have rejected the law of the LORD, And have not kept His statutes, And their lies have caused them to err, After which their fathers did walk.

⁵So will I send a fire upon Judah, And it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

⁶Thus saith the LORD: For three transgressions of Israel, Yea, for four, I will not reverse it: Because they sell the righteous for silver, And the needy for a pair of shoes;

⁷That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, And turn aside the way of the humble; And a man and his father go unto the same maid, To profane My holy name;

⁸And they lay themselves down beside every altar Upon clothes taken in pledge, And in the house of their God they drink The wine of them that have been fined.

⁹Yet destroyed I the Amorite before them, Whose height was like the height of the cedars, And he was strong as the oaks; Yet I destroyed his fruit from above, And his roots from beneath.

¹⁰Also I brought you up out of the land of Egypt, And led you forty years in the wilderness, To possess the land of the Amorites.

¹¹And I raised up of your sons for prophets, And of your young men for Nazirites. Is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel? Saith the LORD.

¹²But ye gave the Nazirites wine to drink; And commanded the prophets, saying: 'Prophesy not.'

¹³Behold, I will make it creak under you, As a cart creaketh that is full of sheaves.

¹⁴And flight shall fail the swift, And the strong shall not exert his strength, Neither shall the mighty deliver himself;

¹⁵Neither shall he stand that handleth the bow; And he that is swift of foot shall not deliver himself; Neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver himself;

¹⁶And he that is courageous among the mighty Shall flee away naked in that day, Saith the LORD.