

THE WORDS  
OF  
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**CHAPTER 1**

1- Praiseworthy is the man who did not walk in the counsel of the wicked, and in the path of the sinful did not stand, and in the session of the scorners did not sit.

2- Rather his desire is

in

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the "Instruction" of HE,  
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(Mss. 27/25)

and in His Instruction he meditates day and night.

3- He shall be

alongside

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like a "tree"  
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"brooks of water,"  
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deeply rooted

that yields its fruit in its season, and whose leaf never withers; and everything he does will succeed.

4- Not so the wicked; rather they are like the chaff that is driven away by the wind.

5- Therefore

the wicked will  
not be vindicated  
in "Judgment,"

nor the sinful  
in the "Assembly" of  
the Righteous.

6- For HE attends to the way of the righteous, while the way of the wicked will be doomed.

**CHAPTER 2**

1- O HE, how numerous are my tormentors! The great rise up against me!

2- The great say of my soul: "There is no salvation for him from God!"

3- But You, O HE, are a shield for me, for my soul, and the One who raises my head.

4- With my voice to HE I call out, and He answers me from His holy Mountain.

5- I lay down and slept, yet I awoke, for HE supports me.

- 6- I fear not the myriads of people that all around are deployed against me.
- 7- Rise up, O HE, save me my God, for

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 You struck all my  
 enemies on the "cheek,"

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 You broke the "teeth"  
 of the wicked.

- 8- To HE is salvation,  
 upon Your people is

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 Your "Blessing."  
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(Mss. 32/2)

**CHAPTER 3**

- 1- When I call answer me, O God of my vindication. In my distress You have relieved me; be gracious to me and hear my prayer.
- 2- O sons of human, until when will you put my Honor to shame; until when will you love futility and seek deception?
- 3- Be aware that HE has set aside the devout-one for Himself; so HE will listen when I call to Him.
- 4- Tremble and do not sin; reflect in your hearts while on your beds, and be utterly silent.

- 5- Offer

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 "Sacrifices of Righteousness,"  
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and trust in HE.

- 6- Many say: "Who will show us good?" Shine upon us the light of Your face, O HE!
- 7- But You put gladness in my heart greater than theirs at the time that their grain and their wine abound.

- 8- -----  
 In "Peace,"  
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 in "Harmony,"  
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I lie down and sleep,



9- For in the mouth of any of them there is not sincerity; their inner-thought is treacherous; their throat is an open grave, their tongue is glib.

10- Declare them guilty, O God, may they fall short of completing their schemes; because of the abundance of their sins cast them away, for they have rebelled against You.

11- But all those who take refuge in You will rejoice;

forever they will

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"Sing-Joyously,"  
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and You will shelter them;

and those who love Your Name will exult in You.

12- When You will bless the righteous, O HE, You will envelop him with favor like a shield.

**CHAPTER 5**

1- Do not rebuke me in Your anger, O HE, nor chastise me in Your wrath!

2- Favor me, O HE, for I am feeble; heal me, O HE, for my bones shudder with terror.

3- My soul is terrified utterly; and You, O HE, until when.....?

4- Desist, O HE, release my soul; save me

as befits

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Your "Kindness."  
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5- For

in death is not

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"Remembrance"  
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of You,

in the grave who will

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"Praise"  
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You?

6- I am wearied with my sigh; I drench every night my bed, I soak my couch with my tears.

7- My eye is dimmed because of anger, aged by all my tormentors.

8- Depart from me all doers of badness, for HE has heard

the sound of

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my "Weeping."  
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(4/3)

9-

HE has heard

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my "Plea,"  
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HE will accept

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my "Prayer."  
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10- Let them be shamed and confounded utterly, all my enemies;

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may they "regret,"

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and be "shamed,"

in an instant.

**CHAPTER 6**

1- O HE, my God, I seek refuge in You, save me from all my pursuers, and rescue me.

2- Lest he tear asunder like a lion my soul, dismembering without any rescuer.

3- O HE, my God, if I have done this, if there is injustice in my hands;

4- If I have repaid those who were at peace with me with evil, I who rescued my tormentors gratuitously,

5- Then let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake it; let him trample to the ground my life, and let him lay my soul in the dust.

6- Rise up, O HE, in Your anger, be lifted in fury against my tormentors, and awaken on my behalf

to implement

-----  
the "Decree"  
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that You have commanded.

7- When the assembly of nations surrounds You, then rise above it; to the heights return.

8- HE will punish the peoples;

judge me, O HE,  
according to

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my "Righteousness,"  
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and reward me  
according to

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my "Integrity."  
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9- Put an end now to the evil of the wicked. But You will sustain the righteous-one; for the searcher of hearts and minds is God, the Righteous.

10- My protection lies with God, who saves the upright of heart.

11- God is a judge who is righteous, and God is angered every day.

12- If one does not repent, He will sharpen His sword; His bow He has bent and has aimed it.

13- And for him He prepared the instruments of death, He will use His arrows against those in hot pursuit.

14- Behold, he conceives badness, and he is pregnant with evil-schemes, but he gives birth to failure.

15- A pit he has dug, and dug it deep only to fall into a trap of his own making.

16- His mischief will recoil upon his own head, and his violence will descend upon his own skull.

17- Then I will thank HE

according to

-----  
His "Righteousness,"  
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and sing-praises to the Name of HE,  
the Most-High.

**CHAPTER 7**

1- O HE, our Master,  
how mighty is Your Name  
throughout the earth;

You who places Your majesty on the heavens.

2- Out of the mouth of

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"Babes,"  
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and "Sucklings,"  
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You have established

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"Strength,"  
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because of Your enemies,

to silence the enemy and the avenger.

3- When I behold Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars that You have set in place.

4- What is frail-man that You should remember him, and the son of human that You should be mindful of him?

5- Yet You have made him less, but slightly, than the gods, and with

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"Soul,"  
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and "Splendor"  
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You have crowned him.

6- You give him dominion over the work of Your hands, everything You placed under his feet:

7- Sheep and cattle, all of them, even the beasts of the field;

8- The birds of the sky and the fish of the sea; for he traverses the lanes of the Sea.

9-

O HE, our Master,  
how mighty is Your Name  
throughout the earth!

**CHAPTER 8**

1- I will thank HE with all my heart, I will proclaim

all

-----  
Your "Wondrous Deeds."  
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2- I will "rejoice," and I will "exult,"  
in You;

I will sing-praise to Your Name, Most-High.

3- When my enemies turn backward,

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they "stumble,"  
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and are "doomed,"  
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from before You.

4- For You executed

-----  
my "Judgment,"  
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and my "Cause;"  
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You sat on the throne, O Judge,  
who is Righteous.

5- You destroyed nations and doomed the wicked; their name You blotted out for all eternity.

6- The enemy, his ruins are gone forever; and the cities that You uprooted, their memory is lost from them.

7- For HE is enthroned forever, He prepares His throne for judgment.

8- And

He will judge the world

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in "Righteousness,"  
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He will judge the regimes

-----  
with "Fairness."  
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9- HE will be a fortress for the oppressed, a fortress for times of distress.

10- And they will trust in You, those who know Your Name, for You have not forsaken those who seek You, O HE.

11- Sing to HE who dwells in Peak, proclaim among the peoples

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His "Deeds."  
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(Mss. 32/4)

12- That the Avenger of blood has remembered them; He has not forgotten the cry of the humble.

13- Have mercy on me, O HE, see my affliction by my foes, You who raises me above the gates of death.

14- So that I may proclaim

all

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Your "Praises"  
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(44/4)

in the gates of the daughter of Peak;

I will rejoice in Your Salvation.

15- The nations sank in the pit they themselves made; in the very trap they concealed their own foot was ensnared.

16- HE became known through the judgment that He executed; the wicked-one was entrapped through the work of his own hands. Reflect on this!

17- The wicked will return to the depths of the grave, all the nations that forget God;

18- For the pauper shall not be forgotten eternally, nor shall the hope of the afflicted be doomed forever.

- 19- Arise, O HE, do not let frail-man feel invincible! Let the nations be judged before You.  
 20- Place, O HE, Your mastery over them, that the nations may know that they are only frail-men.

### CHAPTER 9

- 1- In HE I have taken refuge. How can you say to me: "Flee from your Mountain like a bird!"  
 2- For behold, the wicked bend the bow, ready their arrow on the bowstring, to shoot in the dark at the upright of heart.  
 3- When the foundations are destroyed, the righteous-one what has he accomplished?  
 4- HE is in the abode of His holiness; HE, in heaven is His throne. His eyes behold, His eyelids scrutinize humankind.  
 5- HE examines the righteous-one, but the wicked and the lover of violence His soul despises.  
 6- He will rain down upon the wicked coals; fire and brimstone and a burning blast is their allotted portion.  
 7- For HE is righteous;

He loves

-----  
 "Righteous-Deeds."  
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The upright will behold His face.

### CHAPTER 10

- 1- Save, O HE, for the devout-one is gone, for the truthful-ones have vanished from humankind.  
 2- Each man speaks untruth to his neighbor; a lip of smooth talk with an insincere heart they speak.  
 3- May HE excise all lips of smooth talk, the tongue that speaks boastfully.  
 4- Those who have said: "Because of our tongues we shall prevail, our lips are with us; who is master over us?"  
 5- Because of the plundering of the poor, because of the cry of the needy, HE will say: "Now, I will arise!" He will speak regarding him: "I will grant safety!"

6- The utterances of HE

are

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"Utterances"  
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that are pure;

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"Silver" that is Purified;  
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clear to the world;

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"Refined" Sevenfold.

(Mlch. 3/2-3)

7- You, O HE, will guard them, You will preserve each-one from such a generation forever.

8- On every side the wicked walk, when the baseness is exalted among humankind.

**CHAPTER 11**

1- Until when, O HE, will You forget me eternally? Until when will You hide Your countenance from me?

2- Until when must I set-schemes within myself? Melancholy is in my heart even by day; until when will my enemy be ascendant over me?

3- Look and answer me, O HE, my God! Enlighten my eyes, lest I sleep the death.

4- Lest my enemy boast: "I have overcome him!" Lest my tormentors rejoice when I falter.

5- But as for me,

I trust in

-----  
Your "Kindness,"  
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My heart exults in

-----  
Your "Salvation;"  
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 I will "Sing" to HE,  
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 for He has dealt kindly with me.

**CHAPTER 12**

1- The degraded-one says in his heart: "There is no God!" They have acted

"corruptly," and "abominably,"  
 in their action;

there is no doer of

-----  
 "Good."  
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(Mss. 12/28)

2- HE gazed down from heaven upon humankind, to see if there exists a reflective-one who seeks out God.

3- Everyone has gone astray, together they have become depraved; there is no doer of good, there is not even one.

4- Do they not realize, all those doers of badness, who devour My people as they would devour bread, who upon HE do not call?

5- That there they will become terrified, for God is with the generation that is righteous.

6- The counsel of the poor-one you shame, that HE is his refuge.

7- If only He would grant

out of Peak

-----  
 the "Salvation" of God-Fighter!  
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When HE restores

-----  
 the "captivity" of His people,

Jacob will “exult,”

Israel will “rejoice.”

**CHAPTER 13**

1- O HE,

who may sojourn in

who may dwell on

Your “Tent”?

Your holy “Mountain”?

2- One who walks in perfectness and does what is Right, and speaks the truth from his heart.

3- Who has no slander on his tongue; who has not done to his fellow evil, and he has not cast disgrace upon his close-one.

4- Repulsive-one is contemptible in his eyes, but those who fear HE he honors; one who can swear to his detriment without retracting.

5- He does not lend his money with interest, and he does not take a bribe against the innocent;

the doer of

“These”

will not falter forever. (12/1)

**CHAPTER 14**

1- Protect me, O God, for I have sought refuge in You.

2- You have said to HE: “You are my Master!” Your benefit to me is not Your obligation.

3- For the sake of

the “Holy-ones”

and the “Mighty-ones,”

that are on the earth,

all my desires are fulfilled because of them.

4- They will multiply their sorrows who rush to others. I will not pour their libations of blood, and I will not carry their names upon my lips.

5- HE is

my "Portion,"

You guide

and my "Share;"

-----  
 "my Destiny."  
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(30/8)

6- Allocations have fallen to me in pleasant-places, even the inheritance is beautiful to me.

7- I will bless HE who has advised me, also in the nights I am counseled by my intellect.

8- I have set HE before me always; because He is at my right-hand, I shall not falter.

9- For this

my heart does "rejoice,"

and my soul is "elated;"

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 also my flesh "rests" in confidence.  
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(12/7)

10- Because You will not abandon my soul to the grave, You will not allow Your devout-one to witness destruction.

11- You will make known to me the path of life,

the fullness of

the

-----  
 "Joys"  
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 "Delights"  
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in Your presence,

that are  
 in Your right-hand,

for eternity.

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**CHAPTER 15**

- 1- Hear, O HE, what is righteous, be attentive to my entreaty; give ear to my prayer which is not from the lips that are deceitful.  
 2- From before You may my judgment go out; Your eyes behold uprightness.  
 3- You examined my heart, You searched at night. You tested me, You found not; my thoughts do not transgress my mouth.  
 4- So that the human deeds would accord;

with

-----  
 the "Word" of Your lips,  
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(Mss. 32/2) & (Dvd. 44/10)

I guarded myself from the paths of the lawless;

- 5- Supporting my strides in Your pathways, my footsteps did not falter.  
 6- I have called out to You, because You will answer me, O God! Incline Your ear to me, hear my utterance.  
 7- Demonstrate clearly Your Kindnesses, You who saves those who seek refuge from those who arise with Your right-hand.  
 8- Guard me like the pupil of the eye; in the shadow of Your wings shelter me.  
 9- From the wicked who have plundered me, from my mortal enemies who surround me.  
 10- In their fat they enclose themselves; their mouths speak with arrogance.  
 11- As we step forth they immediately surround us; they fix their gaze to

spread over

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 the "Land."  
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(Mss. 32/2) & (Dvd. 21/1-2)

- 12- His appearance is like a lion that yearns to tear asunder, and like a young lion lurking in hiding.  
 13- Rise up, O HE, confront him and bring him to his knees; rescue my soul from the wicked-one who is Your sword.

14- Among those who die by Your hand, O HE, who die of old age, whose portion is eternal life, and who

with

-----  
Your "Hidden Treasure"  
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(Mss. 29/28)

You fill their belly;

but they are sated with sons and they bequeath their abundance to their babes.

15- And I, in Righteousness, I shall behold Your face; I will be sated, upon awakening, by Your image.

**CHAPTER 16**

1- I will love you,

O HE,

-----  
"my Strength."  
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2- HE is

my "Rock,"

my "Fortress,"

my "Rescuer,"

my "God,"

my "Rock" in whom  
I take shelter,

my "Shield,"

the Horn of  
my "Salvation,"  
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my "Stronghold."  
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3- With praises I call unto HE, and from my enemies I am saved.

4- I am encircled by the pains of death, and the torrents of cruel-ones would frighten me.

5- The pains of the grave surrounded me, I was confronted by the snares of death.

6- In my distress I would call upon HE, and to my God I would cry. He would hear from His Abode my voice; my cry would reach to His ears.

- 7- The earth quaked and roared, and the foundations of the mountains shook. They quaked when His wrath flared.
- 8- Smoke rose up in His nostrils, a fire will devour from His mouth; flaming-coals blazed forth from Him.
- 9- He bent down the heavens and descended, thick darkness was beneath His feet.
- 10- He mounted a cherub and flew, He swooped on the wings of the wind.
- 11- He made darkness His concealment, around Him the darkness of water; the clouds of heaven was His shelter.
- 12- From out of the brilliance that is before Him, His clouds passed over with hail and fiery-coals.
- 13- HE thundered in the heavens, and the Most-High gave forth His voice hail and fiery-coals.
- 14- He sent forth His arrows and scattered them, a multitude of lightning-bolts and He confounded them.
- 15- The depths of the water became visible, the foundations of the earth were laid-bare; by Your rebuke, O HE, by the blowing of the breath of Your nostrils.
- 16- He sent from on high and took me, He drew me out of deep waters.
- 17- He saved me from my enemy who is mighty, and from my foes when they overpowered me.
- 18- They confronted me on the day of my misfortune, but HE was a support unto me.
- 19- He brought me out into a broad space; He released me for He desired me.
- 20- HE recompensed me in accordance with my Righteousness, according to the purity of my hands He repaid me.
- 21- For

I have kept

-----  
 the "Ways" of HE,  
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(Mss. 32/4)

and I have not departed wickedly from my God.

- 22- For all

-----  
 His "Judgments"  
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are before me,

-----  
 and His "Decrees"  
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I shall not remove  
 from myself.

23- I was perfect with Him, and I was vigilant against my sin.

24- HE repaid me in accordance with my Righteousness, according to the purity of my hands before His eyes.

25- With the devout You act-devoutly, with the person who is wholehearted You act-wholeheartedly.

26- With the pure You act-purely, and with the crooked You act-deviously.

27- For it is You, a humble people You save, while eyes that are haughty You bring down.

28- For it is You who will light my Lamp; HE my God illuminates my darkness.

29- For

with You

and with my God

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I smash a "Troop,"

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I leap over a "Wall."

30- The God! Perfect is His way;

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the "Utterance" of HE  
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is flawless;

(10/6)

He is a shield for all who take refuge in Him.

31- For

who is a

and who is a

-----  
"God"

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"Rock"

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besides HE,

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except our God?

32- The God who girds me with strength, and who made perfect my way.

33- Who straightened my feet like the deer, and upon my heights He stood me up.

34- Who trained my hands for battle, so that a bow of copper could be bent by my arms.

35- You have given me

the shield of

-----  
Your "Salvation;"  
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and Your right-hand  
has "sustained" me,

and Your humility  
made me "great."

36- You have broadened my stride beneath me, and my ankles have not faltered.

37- I pursued my enemies and overtook them, and I did not return until they were destroyed.

38- I struck them down and they could not rise; they fell beneath my feet.

39- You girded me with strength for battle, You brought to their knees my adversaries beneath me.

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And my "enemies"  
You gave to me in retreat,

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And my "foes"  
I cut them down.

41- They cried out, but there was no savior; to HE, but He did not answer them.

42-

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I pulverized them  
like "dust" in the face of the storm,

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I trampled them  
like the "mud" of the streets.

43- You rescued me from the strife of the people; You have made me the head of the nations, a people I did not know serves me.

44- At the hearing of the ear they obey me, foreigners lie to me.

45- Foreigners

-----  
are "withered,"

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are "terrified,"

from within their fortified enclosures.

46-

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 HE "lives!"  
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Blessed is my "Rock,"

and Exalted is the "God" of  
my "Salvation!"

47- The God who grants vengeance to me, and subjugates peoples beneath me.

48-

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 You rescue me  
 from my "enemies,"

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 above my "adversaries"  
 You raise me;

from the man of violence You rescue me.

49- Therefore, I shall give thanks to You among the nations, O HE;

and to Your Name

-----  
 "I will Sing."  
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50- Who magnifies the Salvations of His king, and does kindness to His anointed-one, to David and his offspring, forever.

### CHAPTER 17

- 1- The heavens declare the glory of God, and His handiwork is proclaimed by the firmament.
- 2- Day following day utters speech, and night following night conveys knowledge.
- 3- There is no speech and there are no words; unheard is their sound.
- 4- But throughout the land their precision goes forth, and their sayings reach to the end of the inhabited-world. For the sun He has set up a tent in their midst.
- 5- And it is like groom emerging from his bridal-chamber, it rejoices like a powerful warrior to run the course.
- 6- The end of the heavens is its source, and its circuit is to their other end; nothing is hidden from its heat.

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| 7- | The Instruction of HE is perfect,<br>“restoring” the soul;        | The Testimony of HE is trustworthy,<br>“making-wise” the simple; |
| 8- | The Orders of HE are upright,<br>“gladdening” the heart;<br>----- | The Command of HE is clear,<br>“enlightening” the eyes;<br>----- |
| 9- | The Fear of HE is pure,<br>“enduring” forever;                    | The Judgments of HE are true,<br>“righteous” altogether.         |

- 10- They are more desirable than gold, than even fine-gold in abundance; and sweeter than honey, and drippings from the combs.  
 11- Indeed, Your servant is scrupulous in them, in observing them there is great reward.  
 12- Mistakes who can discern; from unperceived faults cleanse me.  
 13- Also from intentional-sins restrain Your servant, do not let them rule me, then I shall be perfect, and I will be cleansed of great transgression.  
 14- May

----- the “Utterances” -----	----- and the “Thoughts,” -----
of my mouth, find favor before You, O HE,	of my heart;
my Rock,	and my Redeemer.

**CHAPTER 18**

- 1- May HE answer you on the day of distress; may you be made impregnable by the Name of the God of Jacob.  
 2- May He dispatch your help from the Sanctuary, and from Peak support you.
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| 3- | May He remember<br>-----<br>all your “Offerings,”<br>----- | -----<br>and your “Burnt-Offerings”<br>-----<br>May He accept with favor. |
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4- May He grant you as your heart desires, and every plan of yours may He fulfill.

5- May we sing for joy

at

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your "Salvation,"

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and in the Name of our God  
raise our banner;

may HE fulfill all your requests.

6- Now I know that HE has saved His anointed-one; He will answer him from His sacred heaven,

with

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the "Omnipotent Victories"

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of His right-hand.

7- Some with chariots and some with horses, but we in the Name of HE, our God, call out.

8- They dropped to their knees and fell, but we arose and were invigorated.

9- O HE, please save! May the King answer us on the day we call.

**CHAPTER 19**

1- O HE,

the king rejoices

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in Your "Might,"

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and in Your "Salvation"

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how he exults greatly.

2- The desire of his heart You granted him, and the plea of his lips You have not withheld.

3- For You anticipate him with

blessings of

-----  
"Good;"  
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(12/1)

You place on his head a crown of pure gold. (10/6)

4- Life he requested of You, You gave it to him, length of days, forever and ever.

5- Great is his glory

in

-----  
Your "Salvation;"  
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"Majesty,"

and "Splendor,"

You confer upon him.

6- For You set him for blessings forever; You gladden him with the joy of Your presence.

7- For the king trusts in HE, and in the kindness of the Most-High he will not falter.

8- Your hand will suffice  
for all

Your right-hand will find

-----  
your "enemies,"  
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-----  
your "foes."  
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9- You will make them like a furnace of fire at the time of your anger; may HE in His wrath consume them, and let a fire devour them.

10- Destroy

-----  
their "progeny"  
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and their "offspring"  
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from earth,

from humankind.

11- For they have directed evil against you, they have devised a scheme they cannot carry out.

- 12- For you shall place them as a portion; with your bowstrings you will aim at their faces.
- 13- Be exalted HE in your Might;

we shall "Sing," and we shall "Chant,"  
of  
-----  
your "Omnipotence."  
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**CHAPTER 20**

- 1- My God, my God, why have You forsaken me; why so far from saving me, from the words of my roar?
- 2- O My God! I call out by day, but You do not answer; and by night, but there is no respite for me.
- 3- Yet You are the Holy-One

enthroned upon  
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the "Praises" of God-Fighter!  
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- 4- In You our fathers have trusted, they trusted and You delivered them.
- 5- To You they cried out and they were rescued; in You they trusted and they were not shamed.
- 6- But I am a worm and not a man,

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"scorn"	"despised"
of humanity,	of people.

- 7- All who see me deride me; they open-wide with their lips, they shake their heads.
- 8- If one commits himself to HE, He will deliver him! He will rescue him, for He desires him!
- 9- For You are the One who drew me forth from the belly, and made me secure on the breasts of my mother.
- 10- Upon You I was cast from the womb, from the belly of my mother You are my God.
- 11- Be not distanced from me, for distress is near; for there is none to help.
- 12- Many bulls have surrounded me; the mighty-ones of Big-Land have encircled me.

- 13- They opened against me their mouths like a lion, tearing and roaring.  
 14- Like water I am spilled out, and all my bones came apart; my heart is like wax, melted within my innards.  
 15- My strength dried up like baked-clay, and my tongue cleaves to my palate; You set me down in the dust of death.  
 16- For dogs have surrounded me, a pack of evildoers has enclosed me, like a lion my hands and my feet.  
 17- I can count all my bones; they look on and gloat over me.  
 18- They divide my garments among themselves, and for my clothing cast lots.  
 19- But You, O HE, be not distant; O my Strength, hasten to my assistance!  
 20- Rescue my soul from the sword, from the grip of the dog my essence.  
 21- Save me from the mouth of the lion; as from the horns of the wild-bull You have answered me.  
 22- I will proclaim Your Name to my brethren; in the midst of the congregation

-----  
 "I will Praise You."  
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(44/4)

- 23- Those who fear HE, praise Him!

All of you, seed of Jacob,  
 -----

"Glorify Him!"  
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-----  
 "Be-in-Awe of Him"  
 -----

All of you, seed of Israel!

- 24- For He has neither despised nor loathed the supplication of the poor, nor has He concealed His face from him; but He heard when he cried to Him.  
 25- From You is my praise in the great congregation;

I will fulfill  
 -----

my "Vows"  
 -----

in view of those who fear Him.

- 26- The humble-ones will eat (1/2-3) and be satisfied; those who seek Him will praise HE. Your hearts will live forever.
- 27- All the ends of the earth will remember and return to HE; all the families of nations will bow down before You.
- 28- For the kingship belongs to HE, and He rules over the nations.
- 29- All the fat-ones of the earth will eat and bow down;

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all those who “descend” to the dust

-----  
will “kneel” before Him;  
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but He will not “revive”  
each-one’s soul.

- 30- About the seed of those who have served Him, it will be told of the Lord to the generation.
- 31- They will come

and relate

-----  
His “Righteousness”  
-----

to the newborn nation;

-relate-

what He has done.

**CHAPTER 21**

1- HE is my watcher, I shall not lack.

2-

In

-----  
"lush meadows"  
-----

He lays me down;

beside

-----  
"tranquil waters"  
-----

He leads me.

(Mss. 32/2)

3- He restores my soul, He leads me on the paths of Righteousness for the sake of His Name.

4- Even though I walk in the valley overshadowed by death, I will not fear evil, for You are with me.

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Your "Rod,"  
-----

-----  
and Your "Staff,"  
-----

they comfort me.

5- You prepare before me a table in view of my tormentors. You anointed my head with oil (67/2), my cup overflows.

6- May only

"goodness,"

and "kindness,"

pursue me  
all the days of my life,

I shall dwell in

-----  
the "House" of HE  
-----

for the length of days.

## CHAPTER 22

- 1- HE's is the earth and its fullness, the inhabited-land and those who dwell in it.  
 2- For He founded it upon the seas, and upon the rivers He established it.

3-           Who may ascend ----- the "Mountain" ----- of HE,	and Who may stand in ----- the "Place" ----- of His Sanctity?
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- 4- One with clean hands and pure heart; who has not sworn in vain by My Soul, and has not sworn deceitfully.  
 5- He will receive a blessing from HE, and just-kindness from the God of his Salvation.  
 6- This is the generation of those who seek Him, those

who strive for  
 -----  
 Your "Presence,"  
 -----  
 Jacob.

7-           Raise up O "Gates" your heads,	and Be uplifted everlasting "Entrances,"
--	---

so that He may enter, the King of Glory.

8- Who is this King of Glory?  the "Mighty,"	HE,  and the "Strong;"
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HE,  
 -----  
 "the Strong in Battle."  
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9-           Raise up O "Gates" your heads,	and Raise up everlasting "Entrances,"
--	--

so that He may enter, the King of Glory.

10- Who is He, this King of Glory?

HE,

-----  
"Master of Legions,"  
-----

He is the King of Glory.

**CHAPTER 23**

1- To You, O HE, I raise up my soul.

2- My God, in You I have trusted, let me not be shamed; let my enemies not exult over me.

3- Also all who hope in You let them not be shamed; let be shamed those who betray without cause.

4-

-----  
Your "Ways,"  
-----

-----  
Your "Paths"  
-----

O HE,                      teach me.  
make-known to me,

5- Lead me in Your Truth and teach me, for You are the God of my Salvation; to You I have hoped all day long.

6- Remember

-----  
Your "Mercies,"  
-----

-----  
and Your "Kindnesses,"  
-----

O HE,  
for they are eternal.

7- The sins of my youth and my rebellions do not remember; may You remember for me that are worthy of Your kindness because of Your Goodness, O HE.

8-

"Good,"

is HE;

and "Upright,"

therefore He guides the sinners on the way.

9- He leads the humble with justice, and teaches the humble His way.

10- All the paths of HE are

“Kindness,” and “Truth,”

to those who guard His Covenant (Dt. 18/18-19)

and

-----  
His “Testimonies.”  
-----

11- For the sake of Your Name, O HE, forgive my sin though it is great.

12- Whosoever is the man who fears HE, He will teach him the way that he should choose.

13- His soul will repose in goodness, and his offspring will inherit the Land.

14-

-----  
The “Secret” of HE  
-----

is to those who fear Him,

and His Covenant to inform them.

15- My eyes are constantly toward HE, for He will remove my feet from the snare.

16- Turn to me and show me favor, for I am alone and afflicted.

17- The troubles of my heart have broadened; from my distresses release me.

18- See

-----  
my “afflictions,”  
-----

-----  
and my “toil,”  
-----

and forgive all my sins.

19- See my foes, that they have become many, and with violent animosity they hate me.

20- Protect my soul and rescue me; let me not be shamed, for I have taken refuge in You.



- 9- Do not gather my soul with the sinners, nor with the men of bloodshed my life.
- 10- In whose hands is conspiracy, and whose right-hand is full of bribery.
- 11- As for me, I will walk in my Perfectness; redeem me and show me favor.
- 12- My foot is set on the straight-path,

in assemblies

-----  
 "I will bless HE."  
 -----

**CHAPTER 25**

1- HE is

-----  
 my "Light,"  
 -----

-----  
 and my "Salvation,"  
 -----

whom do I fear?

HE is

-----  
 the "Strength"  
 -----

of my life,

whom do I dread?

2- When evildoers approach against me to devour my flesh,

my "tormentors,"

against me,

and my "foes,"

it is they who

-----  
 "stumble and fall."  
 -----

3- Even if an army would encamp against me, my heart would not fear; even if a war would arise against me, in this I do trust.

4- One thing I asked of HE, that I shall seek: "Would that

I dwell in

-----  
the "House" of HE  
-----

all the days of my life,

to behold  
the "Delight" of HE,

and to contemplate  
in His "Sanctuary."

5- Indeed, He will hide me in His Shelter on the day of evil; He will conceal me in the concealment of His Tent; He will lift me upon a rock.

6- Even now my head is elevated above my enemies around me, and

I will slaughter in His Tent

-----  
"Offerings"  
-----

accompanied by Joyous-Song;

I will "Sing,"

to HE.

and I will "Chant,"

7- Hear, O HE, my voice when I call, show me favor and answer me.

8- On Your behalf my heart has said: "Seek My presence!"

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Your "Presence,"  
-----

O HE, do I seek.

9- Do not conceal Your presence from me, do not repel Your servant in anger. You have been my helper; do not abandon me and do not forsake me, O God of my Salvation.

- 10- Though my father and my mother have forsaken me, HE will gather me in.  
 11- Teach me, O HE, Your way, and lead me on the path of integrity, because of my watchful foes.  
 12- Do not deliver me to the wishes of my tormentors, for there have arisen against me false witnesses, and those who breathe violence.  
 13- Had I not trusted that I would see the goodness of HE in the land of life!  
 14- Place your hope in HE; strengthen yourself and He will instill courage in your heart, and

place your hope

-----  
 "in HE."  
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## CHAPTER 26

- 1- To You, O HE, I call, my Rock; do not be deaf to me; for if You should be silent to me, then I would be likened to those who descend to the grave.  
 2- Hear the sound of my supplications when I cry out to You, when I lift up my hands toward Your holy Sanctuary.  
 3- Do not cause me to be drawn with the wicked and with the doers of badness, those who speak peace with their companions though evil is in their hearts.  
 4- Give them according to their deeds and according to the evil of their actions, according to the work of their hands give them, render their recompense to them.  
 5- For they do not contemplate

-----  
 the "Deeds"  
 -----

of HE,

-----  
 or the "Works"  
 -----

of His Hands;

may He tear them down, and not rebuild them.

- 6- Blessed is HE, for He has heard the sound of my supplications.

7- HE is my "Strength," and my "Shield;"

in Him my heart trusted and I was helped, my heart exulted;

and with

-----  
 my "Song"  
 -----

I praise Him.

8- HE is strength to them; and the Stronghold of Salvations for His anointed is He.

9- Save Your nation, and bless Your inheritance;

-----  
 "Watch" over them,  
 -----

-----  
 and "Raise" them up,  
 -----

forever.

**CHAPTER 27**

1- Render unto HE, you servants of God, render unto HE

"Might," and "Glory."

2- Render unto HE the honor due His Name; bow down to HE

in

-----  
 the "Splendor" of Holiness.  
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3- The voice of HE is upon the waters, the God of glory thunders; HE is upon vast waters.

4- The voice of HE  
 comes

The voice of HE  
 comes

-----  
 "in Power,"  
 -----

-----  
 "in Majesty!"  
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- 5- The voice of HE breaks the cedars, HE shatters the cedars of the Milk-Land!  
 6- He makes them prance about like a calf; Milk-Land and Flock-Land, like a young wild-bull.  
 7- The voice of HE cleaves with flames of fire.  
 8- The voice of HE convulses the wilderness; HE convulses the wilderness of the Holy-Area.  
 9- The voice of HE frightens the deer, and strips bare the forests; while all will proclaim glory

in

-----  
 His "Temple."  
 -----

- 10- HE sat enthroned at the flood, HE sits enthroned as King forever.

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|-----|----------------|--------------------|
| 11- | HE will give   | HE will bless with |
|     | -----          | -----              |
|     | "Strength"     | "Peace"            |
|     | -----          | -----              |
|     | to His nation, | His nation.        |

## CHAPTER 28

- 1- I will exalt You, O HE, for You have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.  
 2- O HE, my God, I cried out to You and You healed me.  
 3- O HE, You have raised my soul from the netherworld; You have preserved me from my descent to the grave.

- 4- -----  
 "Sing to HE"  
 -----  
 His devout-ones,  
 and give thanks to His holy Name.

- 5- For His anger endures but a moment, life results from His favor. In the evening one lies down weeping, but with dawn a cry-of-joy!

- 6- I had said in my serenity, that I would not falter ever.
- 7- But, O HE, it is only through Your Favor that You supported my Greatness to be mighty; when You concealed Your face, I was confounded.
- 8- To You, O HE, I would call, and to the Lord I would appeal.
- 9- What gain is there in my death, in my descent to the pit? Will the dust acknowledge You, will it declare Your Truth?
- 10- Hear, O HE, and favor me; O HE, be my helper!
- 11- You have transformed my lament into dancing for me, You undid my sackcloth and You girded me with gladness.
- 12- So that my soul

might

-----  
 "Sing to You"  
 -----

and not be silenced;

O HE, my God, I will thank You forever.

**CHAPTER 29**

- 1- In You, O HE, I have taken refuge, let me not be shamed ever;

in

-----  
 Your "Righteousness"  
 -----

liberate me.

- 2- Incline Your ear to me quickly, rescue me; be a Rock of strength for me, a Fortress to save me.

- 3- For

-----  
 my "Rock,"  
 -----

-----  
 and my "Fortress,"  
 -----

are You;

and for the sake of Your Name

-----  
 "guide" me,  
 -----

-----  
 and "lead" me.  
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- 4- Remove me from this net that they have concealed for me, for You are my Stronghold.  
 5- In Your hand I trust my spirit; You redeemed me, O HE, the God of Truth.  
 6- I despise those who await vanities without worth; as for me, I trust unto HE!

- 7- I will "exult," and I will "rejoice,"  
 in

-----  
 Your "Kindness;"  
 -----

that You have seen my affliction, that You have known of the troubles of my soul.

8- And You have not delivered me into the hand of the foe, but You have made-stand my feet in a broad-place.

9- Favor me, O HE, for I am distressed; my eyes are wasted away in grief, and my soul and my belly.

10- For my life is spent in sorrow and my years in sighing; my strength is failed because of my iniquity, and my bones are wasted away.

11- I have become a disgrace because of all my tormentors, especially to my neighbors, and a fright to those who know me; those who see me outside move away from me.

12- I have become forgotten from the heart as the dead, I have become like a vessel that is decaying.

13- For I have heard the slander of the multitude, terror all around; when they conspired against me together, they have plotted to take my soul.

14- But as for me, I have trusted in You, O HE. I have said: "You are my God!"

15- My times are in Your hand; rescue me from the hand of my foes and from my pursuers.

16- Shine Your face upon Your servant; save me

in

-----  
 Your "Kindness."  
 -----

17- O HE, let me not be shamed, for I have called upon You! Let be shamed the wicked-ones, let them be silenced to the grave.

18- Let be mute the lips that lie, which speak about a righteous-one falsehood, with

-----  
 “arrogance,”

-----  
 and “contempt.”

19- How abundant

is

-----  
 Your “Goodness,”  
 -----

that You have “hidden away”  
 for those who fear You,

that You have “performed”  
 for those who seek refuge in You,

in the presence of sons of human.

20- Shelter them in the cover of Your Countenance from the haughtiness of man; hide them in a shelter from the strife of tongues.

21- Blessed is HE, for He has been wondrous

in

-----  
 His “Kindness”  
 -----

to me,

in the City that is besieged.

22- I had said in my panic: “I am cut off from before Your eyes!” But in truth You heard the sound of my supplications when I cried to You.

23- Love HE, O all His devout-ones! HE safeguards the faithful, but He repays for the haughtiness of he who acts with arrogance.

24- Be strong, and let your hearts take courage

all who wait longingly

-----  
 “for HE.”  
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14- Turn from evil and

do

-----  
"Good;"  
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(12/1)

seek "peace" and pursue it.

- 15- The eyes of HE are toward the righteous, and His ears are toward their cry.
- 16- The face of HE is against the doers of evil, to cut off their memory from earth.
- 17- They cry out and HE will heed, and from all their troubles He will rescue them.
- 18- HE is close to the brokenhearted; and those crushed in spirit He saves.
- 19- The mishaps of the righteous are many, but from them all HE rescues him.
- 20- He guards all his bones, even one of them was not broken.
- 21- The death blow of the wicked is evil, and the haters of the righteous will be condemned.
- 22- HE redeems the soul of His servants; and they will not be condemned all those

who take refuge

-----  
"in Him."  
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### CHAPTER 32

- 1- Fight, O HE, my adversaries, battle those who battle with me.
- 2- Take hold of shield and buckler, and rise up in

my "Defense."  
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3- Draw the spear, and bar the way

-----  
before my "Pursuers;"

Say to my soul:

“I am

-----  
 your “Salvation.” ”  
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- 4- May they be shamed and humiliated those who seek my life; let them retreat and be disgraced those who plot my harm.  
 5- May they be like chaff before the wind, with the Angel of HE thrusting them away.  
 6- May their way be dark and slippery, with the Angel of HE pursuing them.  
 7- For without cause they have hidden the snare of their net for me, without cause they have dug to kill me.  
 8- Upon each of them may there come disaster unawares, and may his own net which he concealed ensnare him; in disaster may he fall into it.  
 9- Then my soul will exult in HE and rejoice

in

-----  
 His “Salvation.”  
 -----

- 10- All my limbs will say: “O HE, who is like You? Deliverer of the poor from the one mightier than he, of the poor and the destitute from the one who robs him?”  
 11- False witnesses arise; for that of which I know nothing they call me to account.  
 12- They repay me evil for good, bereavement for my soul.  
 13- But as for me, when they were ill, my clothing was sackcloth, and I afflicted with fasting myself.  
 14- As for a friend, as for my own brother, I went about; like a mourning mother I bent over in gloom.  
 15- But when I limped they rejoiced and gathered, the wretched gathered against me, I do not know why; they tore at me and would not be silenced.

16- With

-----  
 “flattery,”

-----  
 and “mockery,”

they gnash at me their teeth for the sake of a loaf.

17- O Lord, how long will you look on? Rescue my soul from their destruction, from the young-  
 lions my essence.

18-

I will thank You  
in a-----  
great "Congregation,"  
-----I will praise You  
before a-----  
mighty "Throng."  
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19- Let them not rejoice over me those who oppose me for a false-cause; nor those who hate me without reason, wink an eye.

20- For it is not peace that they speak; rather against the broken people of the Land matters of deceit they scheme.

21- They opened-broadly against me their mouths, they said: "Aha, aha! Our own eyes have seen!"

22- You have seen, O HE, do not be mute; O Lord, do not be distant from me!

23- Arouse Yourself and awaken to my judgment; my God and the Lord, to my cause.

24- Judge me

according to

-----  
Your "Righteousness,"  
-----

O HE, my God,

and let them not rejoice over me.

25- Let them not say in their hearts: "Aha, our souls!" Let them not say: "We have swallowed him."

26- May they be shamed and disgraced together those who are glad over my misfortune; may they be clothed in shame and humiliation those who lift themselves up haughtily over me.

27- May they

"Sing-joyously,"

and "Be-glad,"

those who desire

-----  
my "Vindication;"  
-----

let them say always: "Be glorified HE, who desires the peace of His servant!"

28- Then my tongue will express

-----  
Your "Righteousness,"  
-----

-----  
and Your "Praise,"  
-----

all day long.

**CHAPTER 33**

- 1- The speech of transgression to the wicked is in my heart, that there should be no dread of God before his eyes.
- 2- For it smoothed the way before him in his eyes, that he should find his iniquity to hate.
- 3- The words of his mouth are

-----  
"badness"  
-----

-----  
and "deceit;"  
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(Mss. 29/17-18)

he has ceased contemplating

to do

-----  
"Good."  
-----

(12/1)

4- He devises badness on his bed, he stations himself on a path of no good; evil he does not disdain.

5- O HE,

unto the heavens is

till the upper-heights is

-----  
Your "Kindness,"  
-----

-----  
Your "Faithfulness;"  
-----

6- Your "Righteousness"

-----  
Your "Judgments"  
-----

is like  
the Mighty Mountains,

are like  
the Vast-Deep Waters;

both human and beast You save, O HE.

7- How precious is Your Kindness, O God; sons of human take refuge in the shelter of Your wings.

8- They will be sated

from

-----  
the "Abundance"

-----  
of Your House;

and from

-----  
the "Stream"

-----  
of Your Delights,

You give them to drink.

(Mss. 32/2)

9- For with You is the source of life; by Your Light may we see light.

10- Extend

-----  
Your "Kindness"

-----  
to those who know You,

-----  
and Your "Charity"

-----  
to the upright of heart.

11- Let not come to me the foot of arrogance, and let the hand of the wicked not move me.

12- There they fell, the practicing-ones of badness; they were thrust down and were not able to rise.

**CHAPTER 34**

1- Do not compete with the evildoers, be not envious of the doers of injustice.

2- For like grass they will be cut down swiftly, and like green vegetation they will wither.

3- Trust in HE and do good; dwell in the Land and

nourish yourself with

-----  
 "Faithfulness."  
 -----

4- And delight in HE, for He will grant you the desires of your heart.

5- Commit to HE your way, rely on Him and He will act.

6- He will bring forth

-----  
 your "Righteousness"  
 -----

like a "light,"

-----  
 and your "Justice"  
 -----

like the "high-noon."

7- Wait-silently for HE, and wait-longingly for HE; do not compete with he who prospers, with the man who executes malicious-plots.

8- Desist from anger and forsake wrath; do not compete, it only brings but harm.

9- For the evildoers shall be cut off, but those who place hope in HE

they shall inherit

-----  
 the "Land."  
 -----

(Mss. 32/2)

10- Just a little longer and there will be no wicked-one; you will look carefully at his place and he will not be there.

11- But the humble shall inherit the Land and delight in abundant peace.

12- The wicked-one plots against the righteous-one and gnashes his teeth at him.

13- The Lord laughs at him, for He has seen that his day approaches.

14- The wicked drew a sword and bent their bows, to bring down the poor and the destitute, to slaughter those of upright ways.

15- Their sword will pierce their own hearts, and their bows will be broken.

16- Better is the little of the righteous-one than the multitude of the wicked-ones that is great.

17- For the arms of the wicked will be broken, but the one who supports the righteous is HE.

18- HE knows the days of the perfect, their inheritance will be forever.

19- They will not be shamed in time of calamity; and in days of famine they will be satisfied.

- 20- For the wicked will perish, and the foes of HE are like the glory of fattened-sheep:  
 “Consumed! In smoke they are consumed!”
- 21- The wicked-one borrows, but he does not repay, while the righteous-one is generous and gives.
- 22- For His blessed-ones shall inherit the Land, while His accursed-ones will be cut off.
- 23- The footsteps of a person are established by HE, and He shall favor his way.
- 24- Should he totter, he will not be cast down, for HE supports his hand.
- 25- I have been a youth and also I have aged, but I have not seen a righteous-one forsaken, nor his children begging for bread.
- 26- All day long he is gracious and lends, and his children are a blessing.
- 27- Turn from evil and do good, that you may dwell forever.
- 28- For HE loves justice and does not forsake His devout-ones, eternally will they be protected; but the offspring of the wicked are cut off.
- 29- The righteous will inherit the Land and they will dwell upon it forever.

30-	Mouth of the righteous utters	And his tongue speaks
	----- “Wisdom,” -----	----- “Justice;” -----

31- -----  
 the “Instruction” of his God  
 -----  
 (Mss. 27/25)  
 is in his heart;  
 his footsteps will not falter.

- 32- The wicked-one watches for the righteous and seeks to kill him.
- 33- But HE will not forsake him to his hand, nor let him be condemned when he is judged.
- 34- Place hope in HE and safeguard His way, and He will raise you high

to inherit  
 -----  
 the “Land;”  
 -----  
 (Mss. 32/2)

the excision of the wicked you will witness.

35- I have seen a wicked-one powerful and well-rooted like a native-tree that is ever fresh.  
 36- Yet he vanished, and behold he was no more; I sought him but he was not to be found.

37-	Guard ----- the "Perfect," -----	and Watch ----- the "Upright," -----
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for there is a destiny for the man of peace.

38- But the sinners are destroyed together; the destiny of the wicked is to be cut off.

39- And

-----  
 the "Salvation" of the Righteous  
 -----  
 is from HE,

their Might in time of distress.

40- HE helped them and caused them to escape; He will cause them to escape from the wicked and He will save them, for they took refuge in Him.

### CHAPTER 35

- 1- O HE, do not rebuke me in Your rage, nor chasten me in Your wrath.
- 2- For Your arrows have been shot into me, and Your hand has come down upon me.
- 3- There is no soundness in my flesh because of Your fury, no peace in my bones because of my sin.
- 4- For my iniquities have inundated me; like a load that is heavy, they are burdensome beyond me.
- 5- My sores are putrid and rotted because of my folly.
- 6- I am bent and bowed exceedingly; all day long I go about in bleakness.
- 7- For my loins are full of a loathsome-affliction, and there is no soundness in my flesh.
- 8- I am faint and crushed exceedingly. I roar from the groaning of my heart.

9- O Lord,

-----  
 my "Yearning"  
 -----

is all before You,

-----  
 my "Sighing"  
 -----

is not concealed  
 from You.

10- My heart is engulfed, my strength has forsaken me; and the light of my eyes -they too- are no longer with me.

11- My friends and companions stand aloof from my affliction, and my close-ones stand at a distance.

12- The seekers of my life laid snares, and those who seek my harm speak treacheries; and they contemplate deceit all day long. (44/5)

13- But I am like a deaf man, I do not hear; and like a mute who does not open his mouth.

14- I was like a man who does not hear, and in whose mouth there are no rebuttals.

15- Because I do wait for You, O HE; You will answer, O Lord, my God!

16- For I said: "Lest they will be glad about me, they will magnify themselves over me at the faltering of my foot."

17- For I am prone to crippling-pain, and my ache is always before me.

18- For my iniquity I admit, I worry for my sin.

19- But my foes are with life abound, and those who hate me without cause grow great.

20- Those who repay evil for good, harass me for my pursuit of good.

21- Do not forsake me, O HE, my God, do not be distant from me.

22- Hasten to my assistance,

O Lord,

-----  
 my "Salvation!"  
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## CHAPTER 36

1- I said: "I will guard my ways from sinning with my tongue; I will guard my mouth with a muzzle, even while the wicked-one is before me."

2- I became mute with stillness, I was silent even from good, though my pain was intense.

3- My heart grew-hot within me, a fire blazed in my contemplations; then I spoke out with my tongue:

4- "Let me know, O HE, my end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know when I will cease."

5- Behold, You have made my days like handbreadths, and my lifetime is as naught before You; all is but total futility, all human existence.

6- Man only makes his way in shadowy-darkness; it is but futility for which they are in turmoil; he amasses riches, but he does not know who will harvest them.

7- And now, for what do I hope, O Lord,

my longing is

-----  
"to You."  
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8- Rescue me from all my transgressions; do not make me a disgrace before the degenerate!

9- I am mute, I do not open my mouth, because it is You who has done it.

10- Remove Your plague from me; I am devastated from the attack of Your hand.

11- You have chastened man with rebukes for iniquity, You have worn away like a moth his precious-health. But human is all futility.

12-

Hear

Give-ear to

-----  
my "Prayer,"  
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-----  
my "Outcry,"  
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O HE,

do not be mute to

-----  
my "tears;"  
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for I am a sojourner with You, a settler like all my forefathers.

13- Turn from me, that I may recover strength before I depart and be no more.

## CHAPTER 37

1- I have placed great-hope in HE; He inclined to me and heard my cry.

2- He raised me from the pit of raging-waters, from mud which is slimy. He set my feet upon a rock, establishing-firmly my steps.

3- He put a new Song into my mouth,

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 a "Hymn"  
 -----

to our God;

the multitudes shall see, and they will be "awed;"

and they shall trust in HE.

4- Praiseworthy is the person who has made HE his trust, and he did not turn to the arrogant, and to the strayers after falsehood.

5- Much You have done, O HE, my God!

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 Your "Wonders,"  
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-----  
 and Your "Thoughts,"  
 -----

are for us;

none can compare to You.

Were I to relate or speak of them, they are too overwhelming to recount.

6- You did not desire feast-offering or meal-offering, but ears You opened for me; You did not request burnt-offering or sin-offering.

7- Then I said: "Behold, I have come

with

-----  
 the "Scroll" of the Book  
 -----

that is "written" for me!

(63/22-23)

8- I desire to fulfill

----- Your "Will," -----	----- and Your "Instruction" -----
my God,	is in my innards.

9- I proclaimed Righteousness in a vast assembly; behold, I will not restrain my lips, O HE, You know it.

10- Your Righteousness I have not concealed within my heart;

----- Your "Faithfulness," -----	----- and Your "Salvation," -----
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I have spoken;

I have not concealed

----- Your "Kindness," -----	----- and Your "Truth," -----
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from the vast assembly.

11- You, O HE, do not withhold Your Mercy from me; may

----- Your "Kindness," -----	----- and Your "Truth," -----
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always protect me.

12- For innumerable evils have encircled me; my sins have overtaken me, and I am unable to see; they have become more numerous than the hairs on my head, and my courage has abandoned me.

13- May it be Your will, O HE, to rescue me; O HE, hasten to my assistance!

14- May they be put to shame and disgrace all together those who seek my soul to put an end to it; may they draw back and be humiliated those who desire my misfortune.

15- May they be desolate as a result of their shaming, those who say about me: “Aha, aha!”  
 16- May they

“Rejoice,” and “Be-glad,”  
 in You  
 all who seek You;

may they always say: “HE be magnified!”

those who love

-----  
 Your “Salvation.”  
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17- As for me, I am poor and destitute; the Lord will think of me. You are

-----  
 my “Help,”  
 -----

-----  
 and my “Rescuer;”  
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my God do not delay!

### CHAPTER 38

- 1- Praiseworthy is he who contemplates the needy, on the day of evil HE will liberate him.
- 2- HE will preserve him and restore him to life, and he will be happy on the Land; and You will not give him over to the desire of his foes.
- 3- HE will fortify him on the bed of misery, even when all his restfulness You have upset by his illness.
- 4- As for me, I said: “O HE, show me favor! Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You!”
- 5- My foes speak evil of me: “When will he die and his name perish?”
- 6- And if one comes to visit, he speaks insincerely; his heart gathers badness for himself, upon going out he speaks it.
- 7- Together, all my enemies whisper against me, they plot against me my harm. (They say:) “The result of his lawlessness is poured over him; and now that he lies ill, no more will he rise!”
- 8- Even my ally whom I trusted in, who ate my bread (33/8) has raised his heel against me.

9- But as for You, O HE, show me favor, and stand me up,

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then I shall "repay" them.

10- By this I shall know that You desire me; that You will not let my foe shout-gleefully over me.

11- And I,

because of

-----  
my "Integrity,"  
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You have "supported" me,

and You have "stood" me "erect"  
before You, forever.

12- Blessed is HE, the God of Israel (God-Fighter), from all-times-past to all-times-future;

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"Let-be-So,"  
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-----  
and "Let-be-So!"  
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**CHAPTER 39**

1- Show me favor, O God,

according to

-----  
Your "Kindness,"  
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according to  
the vastness of

-----  
Your "Compassion,"  
-----

Erase my transgressions.

2- Abundantly cleanse me from my iniquity, and from my sin purify me.

3- For I recognize my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

4- Against You alone did I sin, and that is evil in Your eyes did I do; therefore, You are justified when You speak, and faultless when You judge.

5- Behold, I was fashioned in iniquity, and I was conceived in sin by my mother.

6- Behold,

-----  
the "Truth"

-----  
and the "Wisdom"

-----  
You desire is in  
the "concealed-parts,"

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is in  
the "covered-part,"

that You teach me.

7- Purge me of sin with hyssop, and I shall be pure; cleanse me, and I shall be white more than snow.

8- Make me hear joy and gladness, may the bones that You crushed exult.

9- Hide Your face from my sins, and erase all my iniquities.

10- A heart that is pure create for me, O God; and a spirit that is steadfast renew within me.

11- Do not cast me away from Your presence, and

do not take from me

-----  
the "Spirit"

-----  
of Your Holiness.

12- Restore to me the joy of Your Salvation, and with a spirit that is generous sustain me.

13- I will teach Your ways to transgressors, and the sinners will return to You.

14- Rescue me from blood-guilt, O God, God of my Salvation, then

my tongue will sing-joyously of

-----  
Your "Righteousness."

15- O Lord, open my lips, that

my mouth may declare

-----  
Your "Praise."

- 16- For You do not desire a sacrifice, else I would give it; You do not want a burnt-offering.  
 17- The sacrifices God desires are a spirit that is broken; O God, You will not despise a heart that is broken and humbled.  
 18- Do good in Your favor unto Peak; build the walls of Land-of-Peace.  
 19- Then

You will desire

-----  
 the "Offerings of Righteousness;"  
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(Mss. 33/9)

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 the "Burnt-offering,"  
 -----

-----  
 and "Whole-offering;"  
 -----

then bulls will be offered-up upon Your Altar.

#### CHAPTER 40

- 1- Why do you pride yourself with evil, O mighty warrior? The kindness of God is all day long.  
 2- Treachery is devised by your tongue, like a razor that is sharpened working deceit.  
 3- You loved evil more than good, falsehood more than

speaking

-----  
 "Righteousness."  
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- 4- You have loved all words that devour, a tongue of deceit.  
 5- Likewise, God will shatter you for eternity; He will break you and tear you from the tent, and uproot you from the land of life.  
 6- The righteous will see and be awed, and they will laugh at him:  
 7- "Behold, the person who did not make God his Stronghold; but he trusted in the abundance of his wealth, he drew strength from his treachery."

8- But I am like

an

-----  
 "olive tree,"  
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that is ever fresh, (1/2-3)

in

-----  
 the "House" of God;  
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I trust in the kindness of God,  
 forever and ever.

9- I will thank You forever for You have done it, I will place hope in Your Name for it is good, in the presence of Your devout-ones.

#### CHAPTER 41

1- The degraded-one says in his heart: "There is no God!" They have acted

"corruptly,"

and "despicably,"

with iniquity;

there is no doer of

-----  
 "Good."  
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(12/1)

2- God gazed down from heaven upon sons of human, to see if there exists a reflective-one who seeks out God.

3- Everyone is dross, together they have become depraved; there is no doer of good, there is not even one.

4- Do they not realize those doers of badness who devour My people as they would devour bread, who upon God do not call.

5- That there they will be stricken with terror, there was never such a terror; for God scatters the bones of those encamped against you. You shamed them, for God has despised them.

6- O that out of Peak

would come

-----  
the "Salvations" of God-Fighter!  
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When God restores

-----  
the "captivity" of His people,

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Jacob will "exult,"

-----  
Israel will "rejoice."  
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**CHAPTER 42**

1- O God,

by

-----  
Your "Name"  
-----

save me,

and by

-----  
Your "Might"  
-----

vindicate me.

2- O God, hear my prayer, give-ear to the utterances of my mouth.

3- For strangers have risen up against me, and oppressors have sought my soul, they have not set God before themselves.

4- Behold, God helps me, the Lord is with the supporters of my soul.

5- May He repay the evil to my watchful-enemies;

in

-----  
Your "Truth"  
-----

cut them down!

- 6- With a freewill-offering I will sacrifice to You; I will thank Your Name, O HE, for it is good.  
 7- For He has rescued me from every distress, and my eye

has looked upon

-----  
 my "foes."

### CHAPTER 43

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| 1- | Listen, O God,<br>-----<br>my "Prayer,"<br>----- | Do not disregard<br>-----<br>my "Pleas!"<br>----- |
|----|--|---|

- 2- Pay-heed to me, and answer me; I lament as I speak, and I moan-  
 3- because of the shout of the foe, on account of the oppression of the wicked; for they accuse me of badness, and with passion they hate me.  
 4- My heart shudders within me, and the terrors of death have befallen me.  
 5- Fear and trembling penetrate me, and I am overcome with horror.  
 6- Then I said: "O that I had a wing like the dove!" I would fly off and find-rest.  
 7- Behold, I would wander afar; I would dwell in the Wilderness.  
 8- I would

speedily provide

-----  
 "Deliverance"  
 -----

for myself,

from wind that is violent, from tempest.

- 9- Consume, O Lord, and confuse their tongue; for I have seen violence and strife in the City.  
 10- Day and night they go around it upon its walls; badness and mischief are within it.  
 11- Treachery is within it; fraud and deception never leaving its square.  
 12- For it is not my foe who reviles me, in which case I could endure; it is not my enemy who has magnified himself against me, in which case I could hide from him.

13- But it is you,

a man of

-----  
my "Measure;"  
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my "guide,"

and my "friend;"

14- That together we would take sweet counsel;

we would walk in "company"

in

-----  
the "House" of God.  
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15- May He incite death against them, may they descend to the grave alive; for evil is in their dwelling, within them.

16- As for me, I shall call unto God, and HE will save me.

17- Evening, morning, and noon I supplicate and moan, and He has heard my voice.

18- He redeemed my soul in peace from battles against me, even though many were my enemies against me.

19- May God hear and humble them, He who is enthroned from days of old. Those that there is no change in them, and they do not fear God.

20- He stretched out his hands against those who were at peace with him, he profaned His Covenant. (Dt. 18/18-19 & 32/1-4)

21- The buttery-speeches of his mouth were smooth, but his heart was at war; his words were softer than oil, yet they were curses.

22- Cast upon HE your burden and He will sustain you; He will not allow ever the faltering of the righteous.

23- And You, O God, You will lower them into the well of destruction, men of bloodshed and deceit shall not live out half their days; but as for me,

I will trust

-----  
"in You."  
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**CHAPTER 44**

- 1- Show me favor, O God, for men yearn to swallow me; they oppress me warlike all day long.  
 2- My watchful-foes yearn to swallow me all day long, for many battle with me, O Most-High!  
 3- On the day that I fear, I trust in You.

4- In God

I will praise

-----  
 His "Word;"  
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(Mss. 32/2)

In God I have trusted, I shall not fear; what can mortal-flesh do to me?

5- All day long

they make-sorrowful

-----  
 my "Words;"  
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all their thoughts about me are for evil.

- 6- They assemble, they lie in ambush; they watch my every step, as they anticipate my life.  
 7- Despite badness escape has been theirs. O God, cast down the peoples with anger!

8-

-----  
 My "Wanderings"  
 -----

You have counted Yourself;

place

-----  
 my "tears"  
 -----

in Your flask,

are they not in Your record?

- 9- Then my foes will fall backward on the day I cry out; this I know: "God is with me!"

10-

In God

In HE

I will praise

I will praise

-----  
the "Word,"  
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-----  
the "Word."  
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(Mss. 32/2)

11- In God I have trusted, I shall not fear; what can human do to me?

12- Upon me, O God, are vows onto You; I shall render offerings to You.

13- For You rescued my soul from death, even my feet from stumbling;

to walk before God

in

-----  
the "Light" of life.  
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**CHAPTER 45**

1- Favor me, O God, favor me, for my soul has taken refuge in You; and I shall take refuge

in the shelter of

-----  
Your "Wings"  
-----

until the devastation passes.

2- I will call upon God, Most-High, to the God who fulfills for me.

3- He will dispatch from heaven and save me from the disgrace of the one who yearns to swallow me. God will dispatch

-----  
His "Mercy,"  
-----

-----  
and His "Truth."  
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4- My soul is among lions, I lie with aflame-ones; sons of human whose teeth are spears and arrows, and whose tongue is a sword that is sharp.

5- Be exalted above the heavens, O God,

above all the land is

-----  
Your "Glory."  
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6- They prepared a snare for my footsteps, my soul is bent over; they dug a pit before me, they fell into it.

7- My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;

I will "Sing,"

and I will "Chant."

8- Awake, my soul; awake, O lyre and harp, I shall awaken the dawn.

9- I will thank You among the peoples, O Lord; I will sing to You among the regimes.

10- For

-----  
Your "Kindness"  
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is great until  
the very heavens,

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and Your "Truth"  
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is until  
the upper-heights.

11- Be exalted above the heavens, O God,

above all the land is

-----  
Your "Glory."  
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**CHAPTER 46**

1- Is there indeed silence when you should be

speaking

-----  
"Righteousness,"  
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when you should be judging with fairness the sons of human?

- 2- Even in the heart you do iniquities; in the Land you weigh out the violence of your hands.
- 3- The wicked are estranged from the womb, the speakers of falsehood are gone astray from birth.
- 4- They have venom like the venom of a snake, like a viper that is deaf and closes its ear.
- 5- So as not to hearken to

the voice of

-----  
"Charmers,"  
-----

even the caster of

-----  
"Spells,"  
-----

who is the most "skillful."

- 6- O God, smash their teeth in their mouth; shatter the molars of the young lions, O HE!
- 7- May they melt like water that flows from them; when each-one draws his arrows, may they be as if crumbled to pieces.
- 8- Like the snail that melts and slithers away; like the stillbirth of a mole, who did not see the sun.
- 9- Before your tender briars have developed into hardened-thorns, as with vigor, as with wrath, He will stormily sweep them away.
- 10- The righteous will rejoice when he sees vengeance; he shall bathe his feet

in

-----  
the "blood"

of the wicked.

11- And humans shall say: “There is indeed fruit (1/2-3) for the righteous; there is indeed a God

who judges in

-----  
the “Land.”  
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(Mss. 32/2)

### CHAPTER 47

- 1- Rescue me from my foes, O my God; raise me high over those who rise against me.
- 2- Rescue me from doers of badness; and from men who are bloodthirsty save me.
- 3- For behold, they lie in ambush for my soul, brazen-ones gather around me, not for my transgression and not for my sin, O HE!
- 4- Without iniquity they run and prepare. Awaken toward me and see!
- 5- And You,

O HE, God,

-----  
“Master of Legions,”  
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God of Israel (God-Fighter),

arouse Yourself to remember all the nations; do not show favor to any faithless-ones of badness.

6- They return toward evening, they howl like the dog, and they go round about the City.

7- Behold, they spew forth with their mouths, swords are in their lips; for (they say:) “Who listens?”

8- But You, O HE, You will laugh at them, You will mock all nations.

9- (In the face of) His power, for You do I wait; for God is my Stronghold.

10- The God of my Kindness will anticipate me; God will show me my watchful-foes.

11- Do not slay them, lest my people forget; make them wander by Your might and cast them down, O our shield, O Lord.

12- Because of the sin of their mouth, the word of their lips (33/3), may they be ensnared by their own arrogance, and because of

-----  
the “curse,”

-----  
and the “falsehood,”

that they recount.

13- Destroy in wrath, destroy until they are no more! And then all shall know that

God rules

-----  
"in Jacob,"  
-----

to the ends of the earth.

14- May they return toward evening, and howl like the dog, going around the City.

15- They will wander about to eat, but without being sated they will sleep.

16- But

I will sing of

and I will sing-joyously of

-----  
Your "Might,"  
-----

-----  
Your "Kindness,"  
-----

toward morning;

for You have been a Stronghold to me, and a refuge in the day of my distress.

17- O my Strength,

to You

-----  
"I shall Sing;"  
-----

for God is my Stronghold, the God of my Kindness.

**CHAPTER 48**

1- O God, You forsook us, You breached us; You were angry, O restore us!

2- You have made quake the Land, You have cleft it; heal its fragments, for it totters.

3- You have shown Your people harshness, You made us drink wine of bewilderment.

4- You gave to those who fear You a banner to be raised-high, for Truth's sake!

5- So that Your beloved-ones may be released; save with Your right-hand and answer me.

6- God spoke through His holy-one: "So that I would exult;

I would divide  
"Shechem,"

and I would measure out  
the valley of "Succoth;"

7- Mine is "Gilead,"

and Mine is "Manasseh;"

"Ephraim" is the  
stronghold of My head,

"Judah" is My own law-giver;

8- "Moab" is My wash-basin,

Upon "Edom" I will cast My shoe;

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Over Me, O "Philistia,"  
will you shout-triumphantly?

9- Who will bring me to the fortified City, who has led me unto Edom?

10- Is it not You, O God, who has forsaken us, and You do not go forth, O God, with  
our legions?

11- Give us help against the oppressor; futile is rescue by man.

12- Through God

we shall act "valiantly,"

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and He will trample our "oppressors."

## CHAPTER 49

1- Hear, O God,

Listen to

-----  
my "Cry;"  
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-----  
my "Prayer!"  
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2- From the end of the earth I call unto You, when my heart grows-faint. Lead me to a rock that is  
too high for me.

- 3- For You have been a refuge for me, a tower of Strength in the face of the enemy.
- 4- May I dwell

in

-----  
 Your "Tent"  
 -----

forever,

may I take refuge in the shelter of Your "wings."

- 5- For You, O God, have heard my vows, You have granted the inheritance of those who fear Your Name.
- 6- May You add days onto the days of the king, may his years be like generations after generations.
- 7- May he sit forever before God;

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 "Truth,"  
 -----

-----  
 and "Kindness,"  
 -----

appoint,

that they may preserve him.

- 8- Thus I shall praise Your Name forever, to fulfill my vows day after day.

**CHAPTER 50**

- 1- Only to God my soul silently-attends, from Him comes my Salvation.
- 2- Only He is

-----  
 my "Rock,"  
 -----

-----  
 and my "Salvation;"  
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(41/6)

my "Stronghold,"

-----  
 I shall not "falter" greatly.  
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- 3- Until when will you plot-treacherously against a man? May you be slain, all of you, like a wall that is leaning, a fence that is toppled.  
 4- Only because of his loftiness they have plotted to topple, they delight in deceit; each-one blesses with his mouth, but inwardly they curse!  
 5- Only for God my soul silently-waits, because from Him is my hope.  
 6- Only He is

----- my "Rock," ----- and my "Salvation;" -----  
 ----- (41/6) -----  
 my "Stronghold,"  
 -----  
 I shall not "falter."  
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- 7- Upon God rests

----- my "Salvation," ----- and my "Glory," -----  
 -----  
 The Rock of  
 -----  
 "my Strength,"  
 -----  
 My refuge is in God.

- 8- Trust in Him at every moment, O people! Pour out your hearts before Him; God is a refuge for us!  
 9- Only vanity are sons of human, only deceit are sons of man! On the scales they were to be lifted up, they would be lighter than vanity together.  
 10- Do not trust in oppression, do not place vain-hope in robbery; wealth though it flourishes, do not set your heart on it.

11- One-thing God has spoken, these-two I have heard:

“Strength” belongs  
to God,

and Yours, O Lord,  
is “Kindness.”

for You will repay each man

according to

-----  
his “Deeds.”  
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**CHAPTER 51**

1- O God, You are my God, I seek You;

my soul thirsts

my flesh longs

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“for You,”  
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-----  
“for You;”  
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in a Land, parched and weary, with no water.

2- So too in the Sanctuary to have beheld You, to see

-----  
Your “Might,”  
-----

-----  
and Your “Glory.”  
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3- For Your Kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You.

4- Thus I shall bless You all my life; in Your Name I shall lift my hands.

5- It is as if with fat and abundance my desire is sated;

with

-----  
“Language of Joyous-Song”  
-----

my mouth gives-praise.

- 6- When I remember You upon my couch, I meditate in night-watches upon You.
- 7- For You have been a help for me;

and in the shelter of Your “wings”

-----  
 “I joyously-Sing.”  
 -----

- 8- My soul clings after You; Your right-hand has supported me.
- 9- But those who seek destruction for my soul; may they come to the depths of the earth.
- 10- They shall drag each-one by means of the sword, they shall be the portion of foxes.
- 11- But the king shall rejoice in God; all those who swear by Him will be glorified, when the mouth of those who speak falsehood will be shut.

**CHAPTER 52**

- 1- Hear, O God, my voice in my prayer; preserve my life from the dread of the foe.
- 2- Hide me from the counsel of the wicked, from the assembly of doers of badness, who have sharpened their tongue like the sword, and drawn their arrow something that is bitter,
- 3- To shoot in stealth at the innocent; suddenly they shoot him and they are unafraid.
- 4- They encourage themselves in an evil matter, they speak in order to conceal traps; they say: “Who will see them?”
- 5- They search out pretexts, they have completed a diligent search, and every inner-thought of man and deep counsel.
- 6- Then God shot at them; like an arrow that is sudden were their wounds.
- 7- They were caused to stumble; against themselves was their own tongue; all who see them will shudder.
- 8- Then all humans feared; and

they declared

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 the “Work” of God;  
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 and His “Actions”  
 -----

they comprehended.

- 9- The righteous-one will rejoice in HE, and they will take refuge in Him; and all who are upright of heart will be glorified.

**CHAPTER 53**

1- Of You silence is praise, O God in Peak; and

unto You

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the "Vow"

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shall be fulfilled.

2- O Heeder of prayer, unto You all flesh shall come.

3- Matters of iniquities have overwhelmed me; our transgressions You will pardon them.

4- Praiseworthy is the one whom You choose and whom You draw-near

to dwell

in

-----  
Your "Courts;"

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May we be sated

with the "goodness" of

-----  
Your "House,"

with the "holiest-part" of

-----  
Your "Sanctuary."

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5- With awesome-deeds in Righteousness You will answer us, O God of our Salvation;

O Security of all the ends of the earth and those at sea far-off,

6- Who sets mountains with His strength, Who is girded with might,

7- Who calms the roar of the seas, the roar of their waves, and the multitude of regimes.

8- The inhabitants of the furthest-ends are awed by Your signs; with the appearance of morning and evening

You cause

-----  
"Joyful-Song."

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9- You paid-heed

to

-----  
"the Land"  
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and watered it,

You enriched it abundantly

from

-----  
God's "stream"  
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that is filled with water;

(Mss. 32/2)

You prepare their grain, for thus You prepare it;

10- Water-abundantly its ridges, settle its furrows; You soften it with showers, You bless its growth.

11- You crown

the year of

-----  
Your "Goodness,"  
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and

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Your "paths"  
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drip with abundance.

12- They drip onto the pastures of the desert, and the hills gird themselves with joy.

13- Don shall the meadows sheep, and the valleys cloak themselves with fodder;

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they "shout-joyfully,"  
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-----  
and they also "sing!"  
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**CHAPTER 54**

1- May God arise, let

-----  
His “enemies,”

be scattered,

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and His “foes”

flee from Him.

2- As the smoke is dispersed, so disperse them; as the wax melts before the fire, so the wicked shall perish from before God.

3- And the righteous will be glad, they will exult before God; they will rejoice with gladness.

4- -----  
“Sing” to God,

-----  
“Chant” to His Name;

extol He who rides upon the highest-heavens, with HE His Name, and exult before Him.

5- The protector of orphans and the defender of widows is God, in the abode of His Holiness.

6- God settles the solitary into a family; He releases

those “bound in fetters,”

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only the “rebellious” dwell  
in the thirsty-land.

7- O God,

when You “went forth”  
before Your nation,

when You “marched”  
through the wilderness;

8- The earth quaked, even the heavens dripped before God;

this is

-----  
“Crest”

-----  
before God,

the God of Israel (God-Fighter).

9- You lavished a rain that is generous, O God; You established-firmly Your heritage when it was weary.

10- Your group settled there; You prepared

in

-----  
Your "Goodness"  
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for the poor,

O God.

11- The Lord issued a declaration, the heralds are a mighty-host.

12- Kings of legions flee, they flee, and the dweller within apportioned the booty.

13- Even if you lie among the cooking-pots, you will be like the wings of a dove that is coated with silver, and her pinions with brilliant gold.

14- When the Almighty scatters kings; in it

shall be "whitened"

-----  
those in "shadowy-darkness."  
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15- -----  
The "Mountain" of God  
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is a choice Mountain,

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The "Mountain" of Tops  
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is a choice Mountain.

16- Why do you prance, O you mountains of the tops, the Mountain that God desired

for

-----  
His "Abode,"  
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even HE will dwell there forever.

17- God’s entourage is twice ten-thousand, thousands of angels; the Lord is among them

at

-----  
“Crest”  
-----

in Holiness.

18- You ascended on high, You have taken captives,

You took “gifts” of human

-----  
and even of “rebels,”

to dwell with HE, O God.

19- Blessed is the Lord; day by day He burdens us, the God of our Salvation.

20- God is a God of Salvations for us; and though HE, the Lord, has many avenues

-----  
toward “death.”

21- Yet God will cleave the head of His foes, the skull that is hairy of him who saunters with his guilt.

22- The Lord promised:

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I will bring back  
from the “Big-Land,”

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I will bring back  
from the “depths” of the “Sea,”

23- So that may your foot wade through blood; the tongue of your dogs may have its portion from the enemies.

24- They saw Your ways, O God,

-----  
 the "Ways"  
 -----  
 of  
 my "God,"            my "King,"  
 in Holiness.

25- First the singers went, then the musicians in the midst of maidens, playing timbrels.

26- In congregations bless God; bless my Lord all who descend from Israel.

27- There

Benjamin, the "youngest,"  
 rules them,

The "princes" of Judah  
 stoned them;

The "princes" of Zebulun,

The "princes" of Naphtali.

28- Your God has decreed your Might;

display  
 -----  
 Your "Strength,"  
 -----  
 O God,  
 who has wrought for us.

29- Because of Your Sanctuary, upon Land-of-Peace, to You the kings shall deliver tribute.

30- Rebuke the flock of spears, the assembly of bulls among the calves of peoples, until each prostrates himself with pieces of silver (10/6); He scatters peoples who desire battles.

31- The nobles shall come from Egypt, Dunes-Land shall hasten its hands to God.

32- O kingdoms of the earth,

-----  
 "Sing" to God,  
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-----  
 "Chant" to Lord!  
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33- To the One who rides upon the loftiest of heavens that is primeval: “Behold, He shouts with His voice,

-----  
a “Voice” of Might.  
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(Mss. 32/1...)

34- Acknowledge Might to God, upon Israel (God-Fighter) is His grandeur; as His Might is in the skies.

35- You are awesome, O God,

from

-----  
Your “Sanctuaries,”  
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God of Israel (God-Fighter);

It is He who grants

-----  
“Might,”  
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-----  
and “Power,”  
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to the people;

Blessed is God.

**CHAPTER 55**

1- Save me, O God, for the waters have reached until the soul!

2- I am sunk in the mire of the shadowy-depths, and there is no foothold; I have entered the depths of the water, and a rushing-current sweeps me away.

3- I am wearied by my outcry, my throat is parched; my eyes fail waiting for my God.

4- Those who hate me without cause are more abundant than the hairs of my head, those who would cut me off are mighty, those who are my foes unjustly; that which I never stole then must I store?

5- O God, You know my folly, and my guilty-acts are not hidden from You.

6- Let not be shamed through me those who place their hope in You, O Lord HE,

-----  
 "Master of Legions;"  
 -----

(22/9-10)

let not be humiliated through me those who seek You, O God of Israel.

7- Because for Your sake I have borne disgrace; my face is covered by humiliation.

8- I became a stranger to my brothers, and an alien to the sons of my mother.

9- For

the envy of

-----  
 Your "House"  
 -----

has devoured me, (33/8)

and the disgraces of those who scorn You have fallen upon me.

10- And I wept while my soul was fasting, and it was disgraceful to me.

11- I made my garment sackcloth, and I became for them a byword.

12- Those who sit by the gate talk about me, and (make up) songs of drinkers of beer.

13- As for me, may my prayer to You, O HE, be at a time that is opportune; O God, answer me in the abundance of Your kindness

with the truth of

-----  
 Your "Salvation."  
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14- Rescue me from the mire, so that I will not sink; let me be rescued from my enemies and from the deep waters.

15- Let me not be swept away by the rushing-current of water, nor let swallow me the shadowy-depths; and do not let the pit close over me its mouth.

16- Answer me, O HE,  
 for "good" is

-----  
 Your "Kindness,"  
 -----

and Turn toward me with  
 the "abundance" of

-----  
 Your "Mercy."  
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- 17- Do not hide Your face from Your servant; quickly answer me, because I am distressed.  
 18- Draw-near to my soul, redeem it; deliver me because of my foes.  
 19- You know of

my “disgrace,”

my “shame,”

-----  
 and my “humiliation;”

(14/9)

my tormentors are all before You.

20- Disgrace has broken my heart, and I am deathly-sick. I longed for sympathy but there was none, and for consolers but I did not find.

21- But they put gall in my meal, and for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. (44/5 & 33/8)

22- May their table become

-----  
 a “snare”  
 before them,

-----  
 and a “trap”  
 to their peacefulness.

23- Let their eyes be darkened so that they cannot see, and let their loins continually falter.

24- Pour Your fury upon them, and let the fierceness of Your anger overtake them.

25- Let their palace be desolate, let there not be any dweller in their tents.

26- For they persecuted the one whom You smote, and they tell about the pain of Your mortally-wounded.

27- Add iniquity to their iniquities, and let them not have access

to

-----  
 Your “Righteousness.”  
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28- May they be erased from the Book of Life, and let them not be inscribed with the righteous.

29- But I am afflicted, and in pain;

-----  
 Your "Salvation,"  
 -----

O God,  
shall raise me high.

30- I shall praise the Name of God with my Song (47/16-17), and I shall magnify that with thanksgiving;

31- And it shall please HE more than a full-grown bull with horns and hoofs.

32- The humble have seen it, and they will be glad who seek God; and your hearts will revive.

33- For HE hearkens to the destitute, and He has not despised His prisoners.

34- The land and heaven shall praise Him, the seas and all that moves within them.

35- For God shall save Peak

and build

-----  
 the "Cities" of Judah,  
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and they shall settle there, and possess it.

36- The offspring of His servants

-----  
 shall inherit "It,"  
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and those who love His Name

-----  
 shall dwell in "It."  
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### CHAPTER 56

1- O God, hasten to rescue me; O HE, to my assistance!

2- Those who seek my soul be shamed and disgraced, those who desire my harm be repulsed and humiliated.

3- Let them be turned back in consequence of their shaming, those who say: "Aha, aha!"

4- Let

“Rejoice,” in You, and “Be-Glad,”

all who seek You;

and let them always say: “May God be exalted!”

those who love

-----  
Your “Salvation.”  
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5- As for me, I am poor and destitute, O God, hasten to me! You are

-----  
my “Helper,”  
-----

-----  
and my “Deliverer;”  
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O HE,  
do not delay!

**CHAPTER 57**

- 1- Incline, O HE, Your ear and answer me, for I am poor and destitute.
- 2- Guard my soul, for I am devout; save Your servant, O You, my God, who trusts in You.
- 3- Show me favor, O Lord, for I call to You all day long.
- 4- Gladden the soul of Your servant, for I lift up my soul to You, O Lord.
- 5- For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, and abundantly kind to all who call upon You.

6-

Give-ear, O HE, to

and Heed the “sound” of

-----  
my “Prayer,”  
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-----  
my “Supplications.”  
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7- I call upon You on the day of my distress, for You will answer me.

8- There is none like You among the gods, O Lord, and there is nothing

like

-----  
Your "Works."  
-----

9- All the nations You have made shall come and bow down before You, O Lord, and will give glory to Your Name.

10- For You are great and a Worker of wonders; You, O God, alone.

11- Teach me, O HE, Your way, that I may walk

in

-----  
Your "Truth;"  
-----

unite my heart to fear Your Name.

12- I will thank You, O Lord, my God, with all my heart, and I will give honor to Your Name forever.

13- For Your kindness is great toward me, and You have rescued my soul from the grave at its deepest.

14- O God, transgressors have arisen against me, and a company of ruthless-ones has sought my soul; and they have not set You in front of themselves.

15- But You, O Lord, are God, the Merciful and Compassionate, Slow to Anger,

Abundant

in

-----  
"Kindness,"  
-----

-----  
and "Truth."  
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16- Turn to me, and show me favor;

give

-----  
Your "Strength"  
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to Your servant,

and save the son of Your handmaid.

17- Display for me a Sign for good; so that my enemies may see it and be shamed, for You, O HE, will have

----- "helped" me, -----	----- and "consoled" me. -----
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**CHAPTER 58**

1-	----- "Kindness," -----	----- and "Justice," -----
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-----  
"do I Sing;"  
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to You, O HE, do I sing-praise.

- 2- I contemplate the way of perfectness, when will You come to me?
- 3- I walk constantly with perfectness of heart within my house.
- 4- I do not place anything lawless before my eyes; I despise doing wayward-deeds, it does not cling to me.
- 5- A heart that is perverted shall be moved away from me; I shall not know any evil.
- 6- He who slanders his neighbor in secret, him I will cut down; one with haughty eyes and an expansive heart, him I shall not bear.
- 7- My eyes are upon the faithful of the Land, that they may dwell with me; he who walks the way of perfectness, he shall serve me.
- 8- There shall not dwell in the midst of my house any practitioner of deceit; one who tells lies shall not be established before my eyes.
- 9- Every morning I will cut down all the wicked of the Land,

to excise

from

-----  
the "City" of HE  
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all "doers of badness."  
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**CHAPTER 59**

- 1- O my soul, bless HE; and all that is within me His holy Name.
- 2- O my soul, bless HE, and do not forget all His kindnesses.
- 3- Who forgives all your sins, Who heals all your diseases;
- 4- Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with

“Kindness,”

and “Mercy;”

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- 5- Who satisfies your mouth with

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“Goodness;”

so that your youth may be “renewed” like the eagle.

(12/7)

- 6-

The doer of

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“Righteous-Deeds”

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is HE,

and “judgments” for all the oppressed.

- 7- He made-known

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His “Ways”

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to Moses,

and

to the Sons of Israel

-----

His “Actions.”

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(Mss. 32/4)

8- Compassionate and Gracious is HE, Slow to Anger, and

Abundant  
in

-----  
"Kindness."  
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9- He will not quarrel for eternity, nor will He bear-grudge forever.

10- He has not treated us according to our sins, nor according to our iniquities has He repaid us.

11- For as high as heaven is above the earth, so overwhelmed is His kindness over those who fear Him.

12- As far as east is from west, so has He distanced our transgressions from us.

13- As merciful as a father is towards his sons, so has He shown-mercy to those who fear Him.

14- For He knew our nature; He is mindful that dust are we.

15- Frail-one, like grass are his days; like a sprout of the field, so he sprouts.

16- When a wind passes over it, it is gone, and its place is not recognized anymore.

17- But

-----  
the "Kindness" of HE  
-----

is forever and ever  
upon those who fear Him,

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and His "Righteousness"  
-----

is upon the sons of sons,

18- To those who keep His Covenant (Mss. 18/18-19),

and to those who remember

-----  
His "Commands"  
-----

to fulfill them. (Mss. 28/1)

19- HE established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom does reign over all.

20- Bless HE, O His ruling-ones;  
mighty in strength

who do

-----  
His "Bidding,"  
-----

to obey the voice of

-----  
His "Word;"  
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(Mss. 32/2)

21-

Bless HE, all His legions,  
His servants

who do

-----  
His "Will."  
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22- Bless HE, all His works, in all the places of His dominion.

23- O my soul, bless HE.

**CHAPTER 60**

1- My heart is steadfast, O God;

-----  
I will "Sing,"  
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-----  
and I will "Chant,"  
-----

even with my soul.

2- Awake, O lyre and harp, I shall awaken the dawn.

- 3- I will thank You among the peoples, O HE; and I will sing to You among the regimes.  
4- For

-----  
Your "Kindness"  
-----

is great above  
the very heavens,

-----  
and Your "Truth"  
-----

is until  
the upper-heights.

- 5- Be exalted above heaven O God,

and above all the land

is

-----  
Your "Glory."  
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- 6- So that Your beloved-ones may be released, save with Your right-hand and respond to me.  
7- God spoke through His holy-one: "That I would exult,

I would divide  
"Shechem,"

and I would measure out  
the valley of "Succoth;"

- 8- Mine is "Gilead,"

Mine is "Manasseh;"

And "Ephraim" is the  
stronghold of My head,

"Judah" is My own law-giver;

- 9- "Moab" is My washbasin,

Upon "Edom" I will cast My shoe;

-----  
and I will shout  
over "Philistia."  
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- 10- Who will bring me to the City that is fortified, who has led me unto Edom?  
11- Is it not You, O God, that has forsaken us, and does not go forth, O God, with our legions?  
12- Give us help against the oppressor; futile is the salvation of human.

13- Through God

we shall perform “valiantly;”

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and He will trample our “oppressors.”

**CHAPTER 61**

1- O God of

-----  
my “Praise,”

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(44/4)

do not be silent.

2- For

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the mouth  
of the “wicked,”

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and the mouth  
of the “deceitful,”

have opened against me;

they have spoken to me the language of falsehood.

3- And they have encircled me with words of hatred, and they attacked me without cause.

4- They accuse me in return for my love, but I am a prayer.

5- They placed upon me evil in return for good, and hatred in return for my love.

6- Appoint over him a wicked-one, and let an adversary stand at his right-hand.

7- When he is judged may he go out condemned, and may his prayer be turned into sin.

8- May his days be few; may his position be taken by another.

9- May his sons be orphans, and his wife a widow.

10- May his sons constantly-wander and beg, and may they seek from amid their ruins.

11- May the creditor seize all that he has, and may the strangers despoil his labor.

12- May there not be for him anyone who extends kindness, and may there not be anyone who shows-favor to his orphans.

13- May his posterity cut off, let their name be erased in a later generation.

14- May the iniquity of his fathers be remembered before HE at all times, and may He cut off from the Land their memory.

15- Because he never remembered

to do

-----  
 "Kindness,"  
 -----

and he pursued the man who is poor and destitute, and the brokenhearted to kill.

16- He loved the curse, so it has come upon him; he did not desire blessing, so it has stayed far from him.

17- He donned the curse like his garment; it has come like water into his innards, and like oil into his bones.

18- May it be to him like a garment in which he wraps himself, and a belt with which he constantly girds himself.

19- This is the reward of my adversaries from HE, and those who speak evil against my soul.

20- But You, O HE Lord, deal with me for the sake of Your Name; because

good is

-----  
 Your "Kindness,"  
 -----

rescue me!

21- For I am poor and destitute, and my heart has died within me.

22- I am gone like a shadow that lengthens; I am tossed about like a locust.

23- My knees totter from fasting, and my flesh has become lean without fat.

24- And I have become a disgrace to them; they see me and shake their heads.

25- Help me, O HE, my God, save me

according to

-----  
 Your "Kindness."  
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26- Let them know that this is Your hand, that You, O HE, have made it happen.

27- Let them curse, but You will bless; they rose up, but they will be shamed -and Your servant will rejoice!

28- May my adversaries be clothed in humiliation, and may they wrap themselves as in a cloak in their shame.

- 29- I will thank HE exceedingly with my mouth, and I will praise Him amid the multitude.
- 30- For He stands at the right-hand of the destitute, to save from the censurers of his soul.

**CHAPTER 62**

- 1- The saying of HE to my master:

Wait at My "Right-Hand"

-----  
 until I make your "enemies" a stool  
 for your feet.

- 2- The staff of your strength will be dispatched by HE from Peak;

"Rule"

-----  
 in the midst of your "enemies!"

- 3- Your people volunteer on the day of your Campaign; because of your Majestic Sanctity

from	from
-----	-----
the "Inception,"	the "Dawn,"
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(Mss. 32/2)

you retain the "dewlike-freshness" of your youth.

- 4- HE has sworn, and He will not relent: "You are a priest forever, because you are

a king of

-----  
 "Righteousness."  
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- 5- The Lord is at your right-hand; He crushes kings on the day of His anger.
- 6- He will judge the nations that are filled with corpses; He will crush the leader of the mighty land.

7- He shall drink from  
 -----  
 a "River"  
 -----  
 along  
 the way;  
  
 (1/2-3)  
  
 therefore, he shall lift up the head.

**CHAPTER 63**

1- Give-thanks to HE, for He is good;  
  
 "For enduring-forever is  
 -----  
 His "Kindness!"  
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2- Let Israel say now:  
  
 "For enduring-forever is  
 -----  
 His "Kindness!"  
 -----

3- Let the house of Aaron say now:  
  
 "For enduring-forever is  
 -----  
 His "Kindness!"  
 -----

4- Let those who fear HE say now:

“For enduring-forever is

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His “Kindness!”

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5- From the straits I called upon God; God answered me with expansiveness.

6- HE is with me, I have no fear; how can human affect me?

7- HE is with me through my helpers; therefore I can face my foes.

8- It is better  
to take refuge “in HE”  
than to rely on human;

9- It is better  
to take refuge “in HE”  
than to rely on nobles.

10- All the nations surround me; it is in the Name of HE

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“I cut them down!”

11- They “encircle” me, also They “surround” me;

it is in the Name of HE that

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“I cut them down!”

12- They encircle me like bees, but they are extinguished as a fire of thorns; it is in the Name of HE that

-----

“I cut them down!”



- 21- I thank You for You have answered me, and You have become for me a Salvation.  
 22- The Stone despised by the builders (Gn. 21/13)

has become

-----  
 the "Cornerstone."  
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- 23- This has been emanated from HE;  
 it is "wondrous" in our eyes.

- 24- This is the Day (Ps. 90/4) HE has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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| 25- | Please, O HE,<br>-----<br>"Save Now!"<br>----- |  | Please, O HE,<br>-----<br>"Grant Now!"<br>----- |
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- 26- Blessed is he who comes in the Name of HE; we bless you from the House of HE.  
 27- The Almighty is HE; He illuminated for us. Bind the festival-offering

with

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 "cords"  
 -----

until

the corners of

-----  
 the "Altar."  
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(39/19)

- 28- You are my God, I will thank you; my God, I will exalt You.  
 29- Give-thanks to HE, for He is good;

for enduring-forever is

-----  
 His "Kindness."  
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(41/6)

**CHAPTER 64**

- 1- I rejoiced when they said to me: "Let us go to the House of HE."
- 2- Our feet stood-firm within your gates, O Land-of-Peace.
- 3- Land-of-Peace

the built up like  
 -----  
 a "City,"  
 -----  
 that is "united" together.

- 4- For there ascended the tribes, the tribes of God, as a testimony for Israel, to give thanks to the Name of HE.
- 5- For there sat the thrones for judgment; the thrones for the house of David.
- 6- Pray for

the peace of  
 -----  
 "Land-of-Peace;"  
 -----  
 "serene" will be those who love you.

- 7- May there be

"peace" within  
 -----  
 your "Wall,"  
 -----

"serenity" within  
 -----  
 your "Palaces."  
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- 8- For the sake of my brethren and my comrades, I shall speak peace in your midst.
- 9- For the sake of the House of HE our God, I will request good for you.

**CHAPTER 65**

- 1- Had not HE been with us, declare it now Israel (God-Fighter)!  
 2- Had not HE been with us, when men rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us alive, when their anger flared up against us.

3- Then

the "waters"	the "current"
would have inundated us,	would have surged across our soul;

-----  
 the "waters"

that are treacherous.

- 4- Blessed is HE who did not present us as prey for their teeth.  
 5- Our soul escaped like a bird from the snare of the hunters; the snare broke and we escaped.  
 6- Our help is through the Name of HE, Maker of heaven and earth.

**CHAPTER 66**

- 1- My heart is not proud, O HE, and my eyes are not haughty; nor did I pursue (matters) too great and too wondrous for me.  
 2- I swear that

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 I "stilled,"  
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 and I "silenced,"  
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my soul,

like a suckling-child at the side of his mother;

like

-----  
the "suckling-child"  
-----

is to me my soul.

3- Shall yearn Israel (God-Fighter)

-----  
"for HE"  
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from now to eternity.

**CHAPTER 67**

1- Behold,

how "Good," is and how "Pleasant,"

-----  
the "Dwelling"  
-----

of brothers,

especially in "unity."

2- Like the oil that is superior upon the head,

-----      -----  
"running      "running  
down"      down"  
-----      -----

upon the beard,      over his garments.  
the beard of Aaron,

3- So

-----  
the "Dew"

-----  
of Height

descends upon

-----  
the "Mountains"

-----  
of Peak.

(Mss. 32/2)

for there HE has commanded the blessing. May there be life forever!

**CHAPTER 68**

1- I will acknowledge You with all my heart; in the presence of gods I will sing to You.

2- I will prostrate myself

toward

-----  
the "Sanctuary"

-----  
of Your Holiness,

and I will thank Your Name

for

-----  
Your "Kindness,"  
-----

and for

-----  
Your "Faithfulness."  
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For You have exalted Your promise even beyond Your Name.

- 3- On the day I cried, You answered me; You emboldened me in my soul with strength.
- 4- All the kings of the earth will acknowledge You, O HE,

because they heard

-----  
 the "Utterances"  
 -----

of Your mouth, (10/6)

- 5- And they will sing of

-----  
 the "Ways"  
 -----

of HE,

for great is the glory of HE.

- 6- For though exalted is HE, He notices the lowly; and the High-One makes Himself known from afar.

- 7- Though I walk in the midst of distress, You preserve me; You extend Your hand to counter the wrath of my enemies, and You save me with Your right-hand.

- 8- May HE complete on my behalf;

O HE,

-----  
 Your "Kindness"  
 -----

is eternal,

do not forsake the work of Your hands.

**CHAPTER 69**

- 1- O HE, You have scrutinized me, and You know.
- 2- You know my sitting-down and my rising-up; You understand my thought from afar.

3-

The “path,”

-----  
and where I “lie down”

You encompass,

You are familiar with all my “ways.”

4- For the saying is not yet on my tongue, behold, O HE, You knew it all.

5- You have restricted me back and front, and You have laid Your hand upon me.

6- Knowledge is concealed from me; exalted, I am incapable of it.

7- Where can I go from Your spirit, and where can I flee from Your presence?

8- If I ascend to heaven, You are there, if I make my bed in the lowest-depths, behold, You are there.

9- Were I to take up wings of dawn, were I to dwell in the distant West,

Your hand will also

-----  
“guide” me  
-----

there,

and Your right-hand will

-----  
“grasp” me.  
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10- Were I to say: “Surely darkness will shadow me,” then the night would be illuminated around me.

11- Even darkness does not obscure from You, and the night shines like the day; the darkness is the same as the light.

12- For You have created my mind, You have covered me in the womb of my mother.

13- I thank You, because

“awesomely,”

am I;

“wondrously”

wondrous are

-----  
Your “Works;”  
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and my soul knows it well.

14- My frame was not hidden from You when I was fashioned in concealment, when I was knit-together in the lowest-parts of the earth.

15- My unshaped-form was seen by Your eyes, and in Your book all were recorded; though through many days they will be fashioned, to Him they are as one.

16-	How “glorious” are ----- Your “Thoughts” ----- to me, O God,	How “very-great” are ----- their “Main-Ideas!” -----
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17- Were I to count them, they would number more than the grains of sand, even if I were to be constantly-awake and always with You.

18- O that You would slay the wicked, O God, and frail-ones of blood (to whom I say:) “Depart from me!”

19- Those who pronounce Your Name for schemes, it is taken in vain by Your enemies.

20- For indeed, I hate those who hate You, O HE, and I quarrel with those who rise up against You.

21- With the utmost hatred I hate them; they have become enemies unto me.

22- Examine me, O God, and know my heart; test me, and know my thoughts.

23- And see if a way of rebellion is within me, then lead me

in  
 -----  
 the “Way”  
 -----  
 of Eternity.

## CHAPTER 70

1- Free me, O HE, from the human who is evil, from the man of violence guard me;

2- Who devise evil in heart, everyday assemble for wars.

3- They have sharpened their tongue like a serpent, the venom of a spider is under their lips.

4- Guard me, O HE, from the hands of the wicked-one, from the man of violence; guard me from those who have contrived to trip up my steps.

5- The arrogant have hidden a snare for me and ropes; they spread a net near footpath, they set traps for me.

6- I said to HE: “You are my God!” Give-ear, O HE, to the sound of my pleading.

7- O HE Lord, the Might of

-----  
 my "Salvation,"  
 -----

You protected my head on the day of battle.

8- Do not grant, O HE, the desires of the wicked-one; do not grant-fruition to his conspiracy for them to be exalted.

9- As for the head of my besiegers, let the mischief of their own lips bury them.

10- Let coals descend upon them, let it cast them down into the fire, into deep-pits, never to rise.

11- The man of slander, let him not be established on earth; the man of violence who is evil, may he be haunted until he is overthrown.

12- I know that HE will champion

-----  
 the "Cause"  
 -----

of the poor,

-----  
 the "Rights"  
 -----

of the destitute.

13- Only the righteous will give-thanks to Your Name; the upright will dwell

in

-----  
 Your "Presence."  
 -----

## CHAPTER 71

1- O HE, I have called You, hasten to me; give-ear to my voice when I call to You.

2- My prayer should be considered

as

-----  
 "Incense"  
 -----

before You,

the lifting of my hands

as

-----  
 an "Offering"

-----  
 of the afternoon.

(Mss. 33/9)

3- Post, O HE, a sentry for my mouth; a guard on the door of my lips.

4- Let my heart not incline toward a thing that is evil, to perform acts that are wicked with the men who are doers of badness, and let me not break bread in their pleasure-feasts.

5- Rather let me be stricken by the righteous-one in kindness and let him rebuke me, like the finest oil let my head not refuse it; for my prayer is eternally against their evils.

6- Their judges have gone astray through stone

when they heard

-----  
 my "Utterances"

-----  
 that were pleasant.

(10/6 & 68/4-5)

7- Like one who chops and splinters on the ground, so scattered have been our bones to the mouth of the grave.

8- For to You, O HE Lord, are my eyes,

-----  
 "in You"

-----  
 I have taken refuge,

do not spill out my soul.

9- Protect me from the hands of the snare they laid for me, and from the traps of the doers of badness.

10- The wicked will fall into its own nets together, but I eternally will pass through.

## CHAPTER 72

1-	With ----- my "Voice," ----- to HE, I cry out,	With ----- my "Voice," ----- to HE, I plead.
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- 2- I pour out before Him my plaint, I declare before Him my distress.  
 3- When my spirit faints within me, then You know my path; on the road that I walk they have laid a snare for me.  
 4- I look to the right and see that I have no friend; lost is escape to me, no one seeks my life.  
 5- I have cried out to You, O HE; I have said: "You are

----- my "Refuge," -----	in ----- the "Land" ----- of the living.	----- my "Portion," -----
(Mss. 32/2)		

- 6- Attend to my cry, for I have been brought very low; rescue me from my pursuers, for they are stronger than me.  
 7- Release my soul from confinement to acknowledge Your Name; the righteous will crown themselves with me when You

bestow ----- "Kindness" ----- upon me.
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**CHAPTER 73**

1- O HE, hear my prayer,

give-ear to  
my supplications

in

-----  
Your "Faithfulness,"  
-----

answer me

in

-----  
Your "Righteousness."  
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2- And do not enter into strict-judgment with Your servant, for any living-one would not be vindicated before You.

3- For the enemy pursued my soul, he ground into the dirt my life, he sat me in utter-darkness like those who are dead eternally.

4- When my spirit fainted within me, my heart was appalled inside me.

5- I recalled the days of old, I pondered over all Your deeds;

I spoke about

-----  
the "Work"  
-----

of Your hands.

6- I spread out my hands to You, my soul is like a land that is thirsty for You.

7- Hasten to answer me, O HE, my spirit is spent; do not conceal Your face from me, lest I be compared to those who descend into the pit.

8- Let me hear at dawn Your kindness, for in You I have placed my trust; let me know which way I should walk, for to You I have lifted my soul.

9- Rescue me from my enemies, O HE, to You I have called out, but I have hidden (from others).

10- Teach me

to do

-----  
Your "Will,"  
-----

for You are my God.

May Your good spirit guide me over ground that is level.

11- For the sake of Your Name, O HE, revive me; with Your righteousness remove my soul from distress.

12- And with Your kindness

-----  
cut off  
my "enemies,"

-----  
and destroy  
all who "oppress"  
my soul,

for I am Your servant.

**CHAPTER 74**

1- Blessed is HE, my Rock, who trains

my hands

my fingers

-----  
for "battle,"  
-----

-----  
for "war."  
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2-

My "Benefactor,"

My "Fortress,"

My "Stronghold,"

My own "Rescuer;"  
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My "Shield" in Whom  
I take refuge;

(60/7-9)

He who subjugates my people to me.

3- O HE, what is human that You recognize him, the son of a frail-one that You reckon with him?

4- Human is compared to a breath; his days are like a shadow that is passing.

5- O HE, bend Your heavens and descend; touch the mountains and they will go-up-in-smoke.

- 6- Flash a lightning-bolt and scatter them; shoot Your arrows and panic them.  
 7- Extend Your hands from above; release me and rescue me from great waters, from the hand of strangers.  
 8- That their mouths speak vanity, and their right-hand is a right-hand of falsehood.  
 9- O God,

-----  
 a "Song"  
 -----

that is new

I will sing to You,

on a lyre of

-----  
 "ten-strings"  
 -----

I will play to You.

10- He who grants Salvation to the kings, He who releases David His servant from the sword of evil.

11- Release me and rescue me from the hand of strangers, that their mouths speak vanity, and their right-hand is a right-hand of falsehood.

12- For our sons are like saplings, nurtured from their youth; our daughters are like cornerstones, crafted in the form of a palace.

13- Even the corners overflow, providing

from

-----  
 "harvest,"  
 -----

to

-----  
 "harvest;"  
 -----

our sheep increase

-----  
by the "thousands,"  
-----

-----  
by the "myriads,"  
-----

in our open-spaces.

14- Our oxen are laden; there is neither breach, nor outburst, nor wailing in our streets.

15- Praiseworthy is  
-----  
the people  
-----  
that such is their "Lot,"

Praiseworthy is  
-----  
the people  
-----  
that HE is their "God."

**CHAPTER 75**

- 1- I will exalt You my God, the King; and I will bless Your Name forever and ever.
- 2- Everyday I will bless You; and I will laud Your Name forever and ever.
- 3- Great is HE and lauded exceedingly, and His greatness is beyond investigation.
- 4- Generation to generation

they will praise

-----  
Your "Actions,"  
-----

-----  
and Your "Deeds"  
-----

they will recount.

5- I shall discuss the splendid glory of Your power

and

-----  
Your "Words"  
-----

(Mss. 32/2)

that are wondrous.

6- And of the might of Your awesome-deeds they will speak, and Your greatness I shall relate.

7-	They will utter a recollection of ----- Your "Abundant Goodness," -----	and They will sing of ----- Your "Righteousness." -----
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8- Gracious and Merciful is HE, Slow to anger, and

Great  
  
in  
-----  
"Kindness."  
-----

9- HE is good to all; His mercies are on all His creations.

10- All Your creations will thank You, O HE, and Your devout-ones will bless You.

11-	They will speak of the the glory of ----- Your "Kingdom," -----	and They will declare of ----- Your "Power." -----
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12- To inform the sons of human of His mighty-deeds and

the glorious Splendor of  
-----  
His "Kingdom."  
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13-	----- Your "Kingdom" -----  is a kingdom for all eternities,	----- and Your "Dominion" -----  is throughout generation after generation.
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- 14- HE supports all the fallen-ones, and He straightens all those who are bent.  
 15- The eyes of all look-with-hope to You, and You give them their food in its proper-time.  
 16- You open Your hand and satisfy every living-thing with its desire.

17-	Righteous is HE in all ----- His "Ways," -----	and Magnanimous in all ----- His "Deeds." -----
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- 18- Close is HE to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in Truth.  
 19- He will do the will of those who fear Him; and He will hear their cry, and He will save them.  
 20- HE protects all who love Him; but all the wicked He will destroy.  
 21- May my mouth declare the praise of HE, and may all flesh

bless

-----  
 the "Name" of His Holiness  
 -----

forever and ever.

## CHAPTER 76

- 1- Let-be-cheering!

Sing to HE

-----  
 a "Song"  
 -----

that is new;

His "praise" is in the congregation of the devout.

- 2- Let Israel (God-Fighter) rejoice in its Maker, let the servants of Peak rejoice in their King.



9-

to execute

-----  
"the Judgment"  
-----

that is "written" upon them.

It will be a Splendor for all His devout-ones;

Let-be-cheering!

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