



This is a translation and a study of the Book of Ezekiel. This work presents the possible presence of a literary numbering system in Ezekiel. Following the PebbleCounting hypothesis, this numbering system appears to be inherent in the Ancient Hebrew and consistently used throughout Ezekiel, as it is in other books of Scripture.

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“a wind... coming from the north” | See the discussion of the north as the source of wind (spirit) – as God’s abode – in Ecclesiastes chapter 1.

“(the) likeness of a man (was) to them” | In the chapters that follow, Ezekiel may frame a 390-fold measure from this reflection point to a prominent instance of “sign.” See the discussion at 4:3, where Ezekiel will “make firm” his “faces” against the house of Israel as he acts out a siege. There in context, cardinal number 390 is featured in connection with this sign. Measuring from the reflection point in present context, the heavenly likeness of man and the heavenly faces may correspond with Ezekiel (“son of man”) setting his faces against his people for judgment.

“to (the) four of them” | Moving forward in this local context, the instances of “(the) four of them,” which serve as resumptive references, do not serve to further increase the literary count.

“from, to above, to a man” | This is literary measurement language. See examples at Gen. 6 and 7 and in Haggai. Here, the measurement is “to a man.” The introduction of the appearance of “a man” occurs thirty elements prior, as shown by the measurement lines. It appears Ezekiel opens his book with a 30-fold mirror, reflected about the “likeness of a man,” and coinciding with the stature of years given on the opening line (possibly Ezekiel’s age). On the present line, the measurement arises from within the division of faces and wings, per the context.

[7-8] two (were) joining a man

[9-10] and two (were) covering their bodies

[1] and a man, toward the other-side of his faces [i.e., straight ahead] – they went

[2] toward which, it was there, the spirit [“wind”], to go –

[3] they went

[4-5] they did not turn around from their, to go

[1] and (this was) (the) likeness of the living-creatures:

[2-3] their appearance (was) like coals of fire, burning

[4] like (the) appearance of the torches, it (was) –

[5-6] walking-to-and-fro among the living-creatures –

[7] and a brightness (was) to (the) fire

[8] and from the fire, (there was) going forth, lightning

[9-10] and the living-creatures (were) to run, and to turn back, like (the) appearance of the lightning

[2] and I saw the living-creatures

[1-4] and behold, a wheel, one, (was) on (the) earth, beside the living-creatures, to (the) four of its faces

[5-6] (the) appearance of the wheels and their workmanship (was) like an eye of beryl

[7] and a likeness, one (was) to (the) four of them

[8-9] and their appearances and workmanship (were), as which it were, the wheel

[10] in (the) midst of the wheel

[1-4] upon (the) four of their fourths [sides], in their, to go –

[5] they [these] went

[6-7] they did not turn around in their, to go

[8] and (there were) their rims:

[9] and height (was) to them

[10] and reverence (was) [due] to them

[1-4] and their rims (were) full of eyes (two), all around, to (the) four of them

[5] and in (there) to go, the living-creatures,

[6] (there) went, the wheels, beside them

[7] and in (there) to rise, the living-creatures, from upon the earth,

[8] (there) rose, the wheels

[9-10] upon which (there) was there, the spirit, to go – they [these] went

[1-2] there, the spirit, to go – and the wheels rose, to beside them

[3] because (the) spirit of the living-creature (was) in (the) wheels

[4-5] in their, to go, they [these] went

[6-7] and in their, to stand, they [these] stood

[8] and in their, to rise from upon the earth,

[9] (there) rose, the wheels, to beside them

[10] because (the) spirit of the living-creature (was) in (the) wheels

See the literary measurement language of Ezek. 10:19. A 2000-fold measure is shown from the present line to the line “from, to above,” at that location. On the possible correlation of cherubim wings with thousandfolds of the age, see comment, Rev. 4. Notice that here, the wings are presented in two pairs.

[1] and a likeness (was) upon (the) heads of the living-creature:

[2] an expanse like an eye of the frost, the, being astonishing

[3] being stretched out upon their heads from, to above

[4] and under the expanse, their wings [general plural noun] (were) straight, a woman to her sister [one to another]

[5-6] to a man (were) two, covering –

[7] to them

[8-9] and to a man (were) two, covering –

[10] to them, their bodies

[3] and I heard

[1-2] the voice of (the) wings [general plural noun] like a voice of waters, many

[3] like a voice of (the) Almighty, in their, to go

[4] a voice of the tumult like a voice of (the) army

[5-6] in their, to stand, (there) relaxed, their wings [general plural noun]

[7] and (there) was a voice from above, to (the) expanse

[8] which (was) upon their heads

[9-10] in their, to stand, (there) relaxed, their wings [general plural noun]

[1] and from above, to (the) expanse which (was) upon their head

[2] (there was) like an appearance of a stone of sapphire,

[3] a likeness of a throne

[4] and upon (the) likeness of the throne (was) a likeness,

[5] like an appearance of a Man, upon it, from, to above

[4] and I saw

[6] like an eye of amber,

[7] like an appearance of fire, (being) a house to it all around

[8-9] from (the) appearance of His loins (two)

[10] and to, above it

[1-2] and from (the) appearance of His loins (two)

[1] and to, beneath –

[5] I saw –

[3] like (the) appearance of fire

[4] and brightness (was) to it all around,

[5] like (the) appearance of the bow which is in a cloud in a day of the rain

[6] thus (was) (the) appearance of the brightness all around

[7] it (was) (the) appearance of (the) likeness of (the) glory of YHWH!

[1-2] and I saw, and I fell upon my faces!

[3] and I heard

[8] a voice, speaking

1:28

Above
Beneath

15 elements

30 elements

15 elements

30 elements

[9] and He **said** to me
 [4] **son** of man –
 [5-6] (you) **stand** upon your feet (**two**)
 [10] and **let** Me **speak** with you
 [7] and (there) **came** into me, (the) Spirit
 [1] as which, He **spoke** to me
 [8-9] and **made** me **stand** upon my feet (**two**)
 [10] and I **heard**

[2] (Him) **speaking** to me

--- major paragraph break¹ ---

[3] and He **said** to me
 [4-5] **son** of man – **sending**, I (**am**), **you** to (the) sons of Israel:

[4] to nations – the, **rebell**ing
 [5-6] which, (there) have **rebell**ed against Me, **they** and their **fathers**
 [7]* **they** **have transgressed** against Me unto the very **day** –
 [8] the **this**!
 [9-10]* and the sons (**are**) **hard** of faces and **stubborn** of heart

[1] and I **am sending** you to them

[1] and you **shall say** to them

[2-3] thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH

[1-3] and **they** – whether **they listen**, and whether **they refuse** –

[4] because a house of rebellion, they (**are**) –

→ [5] and they **will know**

[2] that a prophet **has been** in their midst!

--- major paragraph break² ---

[3-4] and **you**, **son** of man –

[5] **let** (you) **not fear** from them

[6] and from their words, **let** (you) **not fear**

[1-2] when **thistles** and **briers** (**are**) with you

[7] and toward scorpions, you (**are**) **dwelling**

[8] from their words, **let** (you) **not fear**

[9] and from their faces, **let** (you) **not be dismayed**

[3] because a house of rebellion, they (**are**)

[10] and you **will speak** My words to them

[4-5] whether they **listen**, and whether they **refuse** –

[6] because rebellious, they (**are**)!

--- major paragraph break³ ---

2:1

30 elements

10 elements

10 elements

7 elements

7 elements

“unto the very day – the this” | If modeled accurately, this second reflected 30-fold measure ends at the beginning point of Ezekiel: the specific day in which the vision was revealed to him.

“and they will know, that a prophet has been in their midst” | In the present context, despite the hardness of faces and stubbornness of heart within the covenant community, these people will ultimately know “that a prophet has been in their midst!” The shattering of hard-heartedness may be a topic in a literary stature – the voice of a great earthquake – arising in chapter 3. The stature arises, in reverse, as Ezekiel hears a voice behind him. See Gen. 3:24, 2 Kings 20, Isaiah 37-38, Mark 5, and Rev. 1 for hundredfold literary measures corresponding with a reversal in literary directionality. If this is accurately modeled, God’s word through Ezekiel will be like a great earthquake, shattering hard-heartedness among Ezekiel’s audience.

215-fold
215-fold

100 elements | Earthquake Stature

[1-2] and you, son of man –
[3] (you) hear
[4] what I (am) speaking to you
[4] let (you) not be rebellious, like the house of rebellion
[5-6] open your mouth, and eat
[5] what I (am) giving to you
[7] and I looked
[6] and behold, a hand (was) being sent to me
[7] and behold, in it (was) a scroll of a book
[8] and He spread it out before me
[9-10] and it (was) being written, faces and back [side]
[1-3] and (there were) being written to it, lamentations and moan [moaning] and woe
--- minor paragraph break⁴ ---

8 elements
8 elements
2:10
3:1

[4] and He said to me
[8-10] son of man, what you find – (you) eat
[1-2] eat the scroll, the this
[3-4] and go, speak to (the) house of Israel
[5] and I opened my mouth
[5-6] and He made me eat the scroll, the this
[7] and He said to me
[6]* son of man, your belly, let (there) make eat
[7-8] and your stomach, you will fill (with) the scroll, the this
[8] which I (am) giving to you
[9-10] and I ate; and it was, in my mouth, like honey for sweetness
--- major paragraph break⁵ ---

[9] and He said to me
[1-2] son of man, (you) go –
[3] come to (the) house of Israel
[4] and you shall speak with My words to them
[-] for not to a people –
[7-8] obscure of lip and heavy of tongue –
[5] (are) you having been sent to (the) house of Israel!
[9-10] (it is) not to peoples, many –
[1-2] obscure of lip and heavy of tongue
[6] which, you do not understand their words
[10] if indeed, to them, I had sent you –
[3] they would listen to you!
[4-5] but (the) house of Israel is not willing, to listen to you
[6-7] because there is not, their being willing, to listen to Me!

On the pages above, equidistant measures are shown between some of the major and minor paragraph breaks, on the possibility that these breaks were original to Ezekiel, and such a measurement device was utilized. It is unclear whether literary reflections of this type fit with the flow of the passage, to indicate focal points. (See, for example, examples in Zechariah and Haggai.) Moving forward in Ezekiel, reflecting measures will not be shown between Hebrew major/minor paragraph breaks. More work is deserved, to explore possibilities of literary measures reflected about (or between) paragraph Hebrew paragraph breaks.

“son of man, your belly, let (there) make eat” | Because the verb form “let (there) make eat” is jussive, the implied subject “(there)” or “(you)” does not increase the count, as by pairing with “son of man.” In contrast, at the conclusion of Ezekiel’s preceding literary set, the imperative verb carries the implied “(you),” which boosts the literary count on that line from two to three due to pairing with “son of man” and “what you find.”

[8] because all (the) house of Israel (**are**) hard of forehead

[9] and stubborn of heart, they (**are**)

[1-2] behold, I **have made** your **faces**, **hard**, to, beside their faces

[3-4] and your **forehead**, **hard**, to, beside their forehead

[5-6] like **emery**, **harder** than flint, I **have made** your forehead

[7] **do not fear** them

[8] and **do not be dismayed** from their faces

[10] because a house of rebellion, they (**are**)!

--- major paragraph break⁶ ---

[7] and He **said** to me

[9-] **son** of man, all My words –

[8] which I **speak** to you –

[1-10] (**you**) **take** into your heart

[1-2] and into your ears (**two**), **hear**

[3] and **go**

[4-5] **come** to the **captivity**, to (the) **sons** of your people

[6] and **speak** to them

[7] and **say** to them

[9-10] thus **says** My **Lord**, **YHWH**

[1-2] whether they **hear**, and whether they **refuse**

[8] and (there) **lifted** me, (the) Spirit

[9]* and I **heard behind me**

[1-2] (the) voice (of) an **earthquake**, **great**:

[3] “**being blessed** (**is**) (the) glory of YHWH from His place!”

[4] and a **voice** of (the) wings [*general plural noun*] of the living-creatures, **making kiss**
[*touch*], a woman to her sister [*one to another*]

[5] and a **voice** of the wheels to, beside them

[6-7] and a voice of an **earthquake**, **great**!

[10] and (the) Spirit **lifted** me

[1] and **took me**

[2] and I **went** (with) bitterness in (the) wrath of my spirit

[8-9] and (the) **hand** of YHWH (**was**) upon me – (the) **mighty**

[3] and I **came** to the captivity (at) Tel-Aviv [*“fresh ears (of barley)”*]

[3-4] the, (those) **dwelling** toward (the) **River**, **Chebar**

[5] and which, they (**were**) **dwelling** there

[4-10] and I **dwelled** [*“sat”*] there **seven** of **days**, **being devastated** in
their midst

[1-7] and it **happened**, from (the) end of **seven** of **days** –

--- major paragraph break⁷ ---

“and I heard behind me” | See comments on the possible 100-fold literary measure, above, in chapter 2.

[8] and (there) **was**, (the) word of YHWH to me, **saying**
 [9] a son of man, **watching** –
 [10] I **have made you**, to (the) house of Israel
 [10] and you **have heard** from My mouth, a word
 [1] and you **shall warn** them from Me
 [1] in My, **to say** to (the) wicked
 [1-2] **to die**, you **shall die** –
 [2] and you **do not warn** him
 [3-4] and you **do not speak, to warn** (the) wicked from his **way**,
 the **wicked**
 [5] **to make** him **live** –
 [3-4] **he**, (the) **wicked**, in his iniquity, **will die**
 [2] and his blood, from your hand, I **will seek**!
 [1-2] and **you** – when **you warn** (the) wicked
 [5-6] and he **does not turn back** from his **wickedness** and from his **way** –
 [7-8] the **wicked** – **he**, in his iniquity, **will die**
 [3-4] and **you** – your soul, (**you**) **have delivered**
 --- minor paragraph break⁸ ---
 [9] and in (there), **to turn back**, (the) righteous, from his righteousness
 [10] and he **does** iniquity
 [3] and I **place** a stumbling-block before him
 [1] he **will die**
 [5] because you **have not warned** him from his sin
 [2] he **will die**
 [3-4] and (there) **will not be remembered**, his righteousnesses which he **has done**
 [4] and his blood, from your hand, I **will seek**!
 [1] and **you** –
 [2-3] when you **warn him**, (the) **righteous** –
 [5] lest (there), **to sin**, the righteous
 [6] and he **does not sin** –
 [7-8] **to live**, he **shall live**!
 [9] because he **was warned**
 [4-5] and **you** – your soul, **you have delivered**
 --- minor paragraph break⁹ ---

[5] and (there) **was** upon me there, (the) hand of YHWH
 [6] and He **said** to me
 [1-2] **arise, go out** to the valley
 [7] and there, I **will speak** to you
 [3] and I **arose**
 [4] and I **went out** to the valley
 [8] and behold, there, (the) glory of YHWH (**was**) **standing**
 [5-6] like (the) glory which I **had seen** at (the) **River, Chebar**
 ["already, before; from the reach of time"]
 [7] and I **fell** upon my faces
 [8] and (there) **came** into me, (the) Spirit
 [9-10] and **made** me **stand** upon my feet (**two**)

[9-10] and He **spoke** with me and **said** to me
 [1] **go**
 [2] **be shut up** in (the) midst of your house
 [3-] and **you** –
 [-4] **son** of man – behold, they **will place** upon you cords
 [5] and they **will bind** you with them
 [6] and you **will not go out** from their midst

[1] and your tongue, I **will make cling** to your palate
 [7] and you **will be mute** →
 [8-9] and **you will not become** to them, to a **man, reproving**
 [10] because a house of rebellion, they (**are**)!

[2] and in My, **to speak** to you
 [3] I **will open** your mouth ←
 [10] and you **shall say** to them

[4-5] thus **says** my **Lord, YHWH**
 [1-2] the, (he) **hearing, let** (there) **hear** ↔
 [3-4] and the, (he) **refusing, let** (there) **refuse** ↔
 [5] because a house of rebellion, they (**are**)

--- minor paragraph break¹⁰ ---

[1-2] and **you, son** of man –
 [3] (**you**) **take** to you a brick
 [4] and **place** it to, before you
 [5-6] and **engrave** upon it a **city** – **Jerusalem**
 [7] and **place** against it a siege
 [8] and **build** against it a siege-wall
 [9] and **pour out** against it a [*siege*] mound
 [10] and **set** against it encampments

Echoing themes from the creation overture (Gen. 1:1 – 3:23), the opening chapters of Ezekiel may be structured with a 430-fold measure for adversity. Common features may include:

- The fourfold placement of “River, Chebar,” which, by definition of the name, alludes to the preceding reaches of time
- The featuring of cherubim
- A 7-day period of time
- A literary reversal in directionality
- A culmination of relational distress (“rebellion”) at the 430-fold mark
- A possible seven-fold resulting in restoration for those who “hear.”

For a similar possibility of a reflected 430-fold measure in relation to Ezekiel’s being mute, see 24:27.

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[1] and **set** against it battering-rams, all-around
 [2-3] and **you** – (you) **take** to you a griddle of iron
 [4-5] and **place** it (for) a **wall** of iron between you
 [6] and between the **city**
 [7] and **make firm**, your faces toward it
 [8] and it **will be** in a siege
 [9] and **besiege** against it!

[10] a **sign**, it (will be), to (the) house of Israel

--- minor paragraph break¹¹ ---

[1-2] and **you** – (you) **lie down** upon your side,
 [3] the **left**
 [4] and **place** (the) iniquity of (the) house of Israel upon it
 [5-6] the number of **days** which, you **lie down** upon it, you **shall**
bear their iniquity

[1-2] and I – I **have set** for you (the) **years** of their iniquity according to (the)
 number of **days**:

[3-5] **three** of **hundreds**

[6-7] and **nines** [ninety] **day**

[7] and you **shall bear** (the) iniquity of (the) house of Israel
 [8] and you **will complete** these
 [9-10] and you **will lie down** upon your **side**, the **right**, a second
 [occasion]

[1-2] and you **shall bear** (the) iniquity of (the) house of Judah,
fours [forty] **day** – a **day** for a **year**

[8] a **day** for a **year**, I **have set** it for you

[3] and toward (the) siege of Jerusalem, you **shall make firm**, your faces
 [4] and your arm (will be), **being bared**
 [5] and you **shall prophesy** against her!

[9] and behold, I **will place** upon you cords

[1-2] and you **will not turn** from your side to your side, until your, **to**
complete (the) **days** of your siege

[3] and **you** –

[4-9]* (you) **take** to you **wheat** and **barley** and **bean** and **lentils** and
millet and **rye**

[10] and **place** them into a **vessel**, **one**

[1-2] and **make them**, for you, for **bread** (for) the number of **days** –

[3] which you (are) **lying down** upon your side

[4-6] **three** of **hundreds**

[7-8] and **nines** [ninety] **day**, you **shall eat** it

390-fold "Sign"

300
90

450 elements

40

450 elements

300
90

"a sign, it (will be), to (the) house of Israel" | In keeping with findings elsewhere in Scripture, a "sign" may have a literary reflection in immediate context. Here, the nearby measure of 390 years (for Israel, the northern kingdom) may be reflected as a 390-element measure, reaching from the line of the "sign" back to the first line of literary reflection in Ezekiel. See comments, 1:5. There, the heavenly appearance of "a man" was coupled with the appearance of heavenly faces. Here Ezekiel, the "son of man," is meant to "make firm" his faces in siege against the house of Israel. Ezekiel represents, in the earthly sphere, what is taking place in the heavenly realm.

This "sign" may result in a further stature. A 450-fold measure is shown with a blue line here: 390 + 40 + 20-fold running count = 450-fold. The measure is reflected with 390 + 20 + 40-fold running count = 450-fold, as shown. A stature of 450-fold may reflect proven faith. See the same overall stature and the comments for Psalm 119; also in Mt. 24-26.

Within the context here, another common measure may exist: 390 + 40 = 430-fold. This is an established stature for adversity in Scripture (Genesis 1-3, Judges 11-13, Daniel 6, Matthew 26-27, Mark 9-10, the Book of James; as well as Ex. 12:40-41, Gal. 3:17). In context here, Ezekiel may model this adversity as a basis for faith to arise among the covenant community: by the "son of man" bearing their iniquity for them.

Finally, the layout of special numbers may give rise to another number of significance. In the literary reflection shown on this page and the next, special numbers 300 + 90 + 40 = 430-fold are paired with special numbers 300 + 90 + 20 = 410-fold. The average of these paired statures is 420-fold. The vision of chapters one through seven was introduced as occurring on the fifth day of the fourth month, in the fifth year of Jehoiachin's captivity. The vision of chapter 8 and following will be introduced as occurring on the fifth day of the sixth month, in the sixth year (of Jehoiachin's captivity). The difference between these dates is exactly 14 months. Using 30 days as the representative length of the lunar month, 14 x 30 = 420-fold. Ezekiel may model the present passage in harmony with the period of time elapsing from his first vision sequence to his second.

"take to you wheat and barley and bean and lentils and millet and rye" | The ingredients of this "Ezekiel bread" are sixfold. A corresponding inverse measure is given for the water, below: a sixth of a *hin*.

[9-10] and your food – which, you shall eat it by weight – shall be tens [twenty] shekel for a day

[1-2] from time unto time, you shall eat it

[3] and water, by measure, you shall drink

[4-5] a sixth of the hin [measure of volume] from time unto time, you shall drink

[6] and (as) a cake of barley, you shall eat it

[7] and it –

[8-9] with dung [balls] of excrement of the man, you shall bake it before their eyes (two)

20

450 elements

--- minor paragraph break¹² ---

[10] and (there) said, YHWH

[1-2] thus, (there) shall eat, (the) sons of Israel, their bread, unclean, among (the) nations

[1] which, I banish them there

[10] and I said

[1-] ah, my Lord,

[-2] YHWH –

[3] behold, my soul (is) not, having been defiled

[4-5] and a carcass and a torn-animal, I have not eaten from my youth

[6] and as far as now

[7-8] and (there) has not come into my mouth, flesh, foul

--- minor paragraph break¹³ ---

[2] and He said to me

[9] see –

[3] I have given to you the manures of cattle instead of dung [balls] of the man

[10] and you shall make your bread upon them

--- minor paragraph break¹⁴ ---

[4] and He said to me

[5] son of man, behold, I (am) breaking (the) supply of bread in Jerusalem!

[3-4] and they will eat bread by weight and with anxiety

[5-6] and waters, by measure and with horror, they will drink

[7-8] in order that they will lack bread and water

[9-10] and they will be appalled – a man and his brother – and will fester in their iniquity!

--- major paragraph break¹⁵ ---

4:17

5:1

[1-2] and **you, son** of man –
 [3-4] (you) **take** for yourself a **sword, sharp**
 [5] (as) a razor of the barbers, you **shall take** it for yourself
 [6-7] and you **shall make** (it) **pass over**, upon your **head** and upon
 your **beard**
 [8-9] and you **shall take** for yourself balances (**two**) of weight and
shall divide them:

[10] a third, with fire, you **shall burn** in (the) midst of the city

[1] as (there), **to fill**, (the) **days** of the siege

[2] and you **shall take** the third:

[3] you **shall smite** with (the) sword, all around it

[4] and the third, you **shall scatter** to (the) wind

[1] and (the) sword, I **will empty** [*unsheathe*] after them

[5] and you **shall take** from there a **little** in **number**

[6] and you **shall bind** them in your **wings** [*garment edges*]

[7] and from them, again, you **shall take**

[8] and you **shall throw** them toward (the) midst of the fire

[9] and you **shall burn** them with fire

[10] from it, (there) **will go out**, fire, to all (the) house of Israel

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[2-3] thus **says** my **Lord, YHWH**

[1] this (**is**) Jerusalem –

[4] in (the) midst of the nations, I **have placed** her

[2] and all around her (**are**) (the) lands

[3] and she **has rebelled** (against) My judgments, to (more) wickedness
 than the nations

[4] and My statutes, (more) than the lands which (**are**) all around her

[5] because at My judgments, they **have rejected**

[6] and My statutes – they **have not walked** in them

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[5-6] to this, thus **says** my **Lord, YHWH**

[7-8] because your tumult (**is**) (more) than the nations which (**are**) all
 around you

[9] in My statutes, you **have not walked**

[10] and My judgments, you **have not done** –

[1-2] and (even) according to (the) judgments of the nations which (**are**) all
 around you, you **have not done** –

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[7-8] to this, thus **says** my **Lord, YHWH**

[9-10] behold **I (am)** against you – even **I!**

[1-2] and **I will do** in your midst, judgments before (the) eyes (**two**) of the nations

[3-4] and **I will do** among you, what **I have not done**

[5] and which, **I will not do** like it again, because of all your abominations

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[3] to thus, fathers **will eat** sons in your midst

[4] and sons **will eat** their fathers!

[1] and **I will do** among you judgment

[2] and **I will scatter** all your remnant to every wind

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[3-4] to thus, (by the) life (of) Me – (**is**) utterance of my **Lord, YHWH** –

[5-6] if not [*surely*] because My sanctuary, You **have defiled** with all your **detested-things** and with all your **abominations** –

[5] and also, **I will withdraw**

[1] and (there) **will not pity**, My eye

[2] and also, **I will not spare**

[7] a third of you, with pestilence, **will die**

[8] and in famine, they **will be consumed** in your midst

[9] and the third, with a sword, **will fall** all around you

[3] and the third, to every wind, **I will scatter**

[4] and a sword, **I will empty** [*unleash*] after them

[5] and (there) **will be spent**, My anger

[6] and **I will make rest**, My wrath against them

[7] and **I will be relieved**

[10] and they **will know**

[8] that **I (am)** YHWH

[9] **I have spoken** in my jealousy –

[10] in My, **to spend** My wrath against them

[1-3] and **I will make you** to a **desolation** and to a **reproach** among (the) nations –

[1-2] who (**are**) all around you, before (the) eyes (**two**) of everyone **passing by**

[3-4] and you **will be** a **reproach** and a **taunt**,

[5-6] a **discipline** and a **horror** to (the) nations who (**are**) all around you

[4-6] in My, **to do** against you judgments in **anger** and in **wrath** and in **reproofs** of wrath –

[7] **I (am)** YHWH

[8] **I have spoken** –

[9-10] in My, **to send arrows** of the famine, the **deadly**, against them –

[7] which, they **will be** for destruction –
 [1-2] which I **will send** them, **to destroy** you
 [3] and famine, **let** Me **add** upon you
 [4] and I **will break** for you (the) staff of bread
 [5-7] and I **will send** upon you **famine** and (the) **beast, evil**
 [8] and they **will bereave** you
 [9-10] and **pestilence** and **blood will pass through**, against you
 [8] and a sword, I **will bring** against you
 [9] I (am) YHWH
 [10] I **have spoken!**

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[1] and (there) **was**, (the) word of YHWH to me, **saying**
 [2-3] **son** of man, (you) **set** your faces toward (the) mountains of Israel
 [4] and **prophesy** toward them
 [5] and you **shall say**:
 [1-2] [O] **mountains** of Israel, (you) **hear** (the) word of my Lord,
 [3] YHWH
 [1-2] thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH to (the) mountains
 [3] and to (the) **hills**
 [4-5] to (the) **ravines** and to (the) **valleys**:
 [1-2] behold I – I (am) **bringing** against you (the) sword
 [3] and I **will destroy** your high-places
 [4] and (there) **will be desolated**, your altars
 [5] and (there) **will be shattered**, your incense-altars
 [4] and I **will make fall**, your slain before your idols
 [5] and I **will set** (the) corpses of (the) sons of Israel before their idols
 [6] and I **will scatter** your bones all-around your altars
 [1] in all your dwelling-places, the cities **will be dried up**
 [2-3] and the high-places **will be desolate**, in order that they **will be dried up**
 [4] and (there) **will be guilty**, your altars
 [5] and they **will be broken**
 [6] and (there) **will cease**, your idols
 [7] and (there) **will be hewn down**, your incense-altars
 [8] and (there) **will be wiped out**, your works
 [9] and (there) **will fall**, (the) slain, in your midst
 [10] and you **will know** –
 [7] that I (am) YHWH!

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[8] and I **will leave** –

[1] in (there) **to be** to you, fugitives of (the) sword among (the) nations

[2] in your, **to be scattered** among (the) lands

[3] and (there) **will remember**, your fugitives, Me, among (the) nations

[4] which, they **have been taken captive** there

[9] which, I **have been broken** (over) their heart –

[5] the **whoring** –

[6] which, it **has turned aside** from upon Me

[7-8] and their eyes (**two**), the, **whoring** after their idols

[9] and they **will be loathsome** before their faces

[10] for the evils which they **have done** for all their abominations

[1] and they **will know**

[10] that I (**am**) YHWH

[1-3] (it **is**) **not** for nothing, I **have spoken**, **to do** to them the **evil**, the **this**!

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[4-5] thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH

[1] **smite** with your **hand**

[2] and **stamp** with your **foot**

[3-4] and **say** “ah” to all (the) **abominations**, **evil**, of (the) house of Israel

[2-4] which, with (the) **sword**, with **famine**, and with **pestilence**, they **fall**!

[5] the far-off, with pestilence, **will die**

[6] and the near, with (the) sword, **will fall**

[7-9] and the, (he) **remaining**, and the, (he) **being preserved** – in famine, **will die**

[1] and I **will spend** my wrath upon them!

[10] and you (all) **will know**

[2] that I (**am**) YHWH

[1] in (there), **to be**, their slain, in (the) midst of their idols, all-around their altars;

[2] on every **hill**, **being high**

[3-5] on all heads of the **mountains** and under every **tree**, **green**

[6-7] and under every **oak**, **leafy**

[8] (the) **place** which they **have given** there an aroma of tranquility to all their idols

[3] and I **will stretch** out My hand upon them

[4] and I **will make** the **earth**:

[9-10] a **desolation** and a **waste** from (the) wilderness of Diblah, in all their dwelling-places

[1] and they will know

[5] that I (am) YHWH!

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[5] and (there) was, (the) word of YHWH to me, saying

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[1-2] and you, son of man –

[6-7] thus says my Lord, YHWH, to (the) land of Israel

[2] an end has come –

[3-6] the end upon (the) four of wings [corners] of the earth

[7] now the end (is) upon you

[8] and I will send My anger against you

[9] and I will judge you according to your ways

[10] and I will place upon you, all your abominations

[1] and (there) will not pity, My eye, upon you

[2] and I will not spare

[3] because your ways – upon you, I will set

[8] and your abominations, in your midst, will be

[9] and you will know

[4] that I (am) YHWH!

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[5-6] thus says my Lord, YHWH

[10] an evil, one –

[1] an evil, behold, (is) coming!

[2] an end has come

[3] (there) has come, the end!

[4] it has awakened toward you

[5] behold, (it is) coming!

[1] (there) has come, the doom, toward you

[2] [O] (you) inhabiting the earth

[3] (there) has come, the time

[4] near (is) the day

[5-6] (it is) a tumult, and (it is) not a shout (upon) mountains

[7] now, from near, I will pour out My wrath upon you

[8] and I will spend My anger against you

[9] and I will judge you according to your ways

[10] and I will place upon you all your abominations

[1] and (there) will not pity, My eye

[2] and I will not spare

- [3] according to your ways – upon you, I **will give**
 [7] and your abominations, in your midst, **will be**
 [8] and you **will know**
 [4-5] that I, **YHWH**, (am) **smiting!**
 [9] **behold**, the **day!**
 [10] **behold**, (it is) **coming!**
 [1] (there) **has gone out**, the doom
 [2] (there) **has blossomed**, the staff
 [3] (there) **has sprouted**, the pride
 [4-5] the **violence has arisen** [*become*], to a **staff** of wickedness!
 [1] (there **will**) **not (be)**, from them
 [2] and (there **will**) **not (be)**, from their multitude
 [3] and (there **will**) **not (be)** from their wealth
 [4] and (there **will**) **not (be)**, a distinction among them
 [5] (there) **has come**, the **time!**
 [6] (there) **has arrived**, the **day!**
 [7-8] the, (he) **buying – let** (there) **not rejoice**
 [9-10] and the, (the) **selling – let** (there) **not mourn –**
 [1] because **wrath (is)** toward all her multitude
 [1-2] because the, (he) **selling**, to the (thing) sold, **will not turn back**
 [3] and [*while*] still among (the) lives, (**is**) their life
 [4] for (the) vision (**is**) toward all her [*their*] multitude
 [5] it **will not turn back**
 [6] and a man in his iniquity – his life, they **will not hold**
 [7] they **blow** at (the) trumpet
 [8] and they **prepare** the, all
 [9] and [*but*] **there is not**, (he) **going** to battle
 [2] because My **wrath (is)** toward all her [*their*] multitude
 [10] the sword (**is**) in (the) street [*outside*] –
 [1-2] and the **pestilence** and the **famine (are)** from (the) house [*inside*]
 [3-4] (he) who (**is**) in (the) field, by (the) sword, **will die**
 [5] and (he) who (**is**) in (the) city –
 [6-7] **famine** and **pestilence will devour** him
 [8] and (if) (there) **escape**, their survivors
 [9] and they **will be**, on the mountains, as doves of the valleys
 [10] all of them (**are**) **moaning**, a man in his iniquity

[1-2] all the hands (two) slacken

[3-4] and all (the) knees (two) go (like) waters

[5] and they gird sackcloths

[6] and (there) covers them, horror

[7] and to all faces (is) shame

[8] and on all their heads (is) baldness

[9] their silver, at (the) streets, they cast

[10] and their gold, for an abhorrence, is

[1-2] their silver and their gold are not able, to deliver them in (the) day of
(the) wrath of YHWH

[3] their soul will not be satisfied

[4] and their stomachs will not be filled

[5] for a stumbling-block of their iniquity, it is

[6-8] and (the) beauty of My ornament – for pride, they set it

[9-10] and images of their abominations, their detestable-things, they
made with it

[3] upon thus, I have made it to them –

[1] to an abhorrence!

[4] and I will give it –

[2] into (the) hand of the strangers, for a prey

[3] and to (the) wicked of the earth, for spoil

[4] and they will profane her [them]

[5] and I will turn around My faces from them

[5-6] and they will profane My, (it) being treasured

[7] and (there) will enter into her, robbers

[8] and they will profane her

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[3] make the chain

[9] because the earth is full of judgment [crime] of bloods

[10] and the city is full of violence

[6] and I will bring (the) evils of nations

[1] and they will possess their houses

[7] and I will make cease, (the) pride of (the) mighty

[2] and (there) will be profaned, their sacred-places

[3] destruction comes

[4-5] and they seek peace, and there is not [any]

[6] disaster upon disaster, comes

[7] and report to report, (there) is

[8] and they seek a vision from (the) prophet

[9] and (the) law [“torah”] perishes from (the) priest

[10] and counsel from (the) elders

[1-2] the king **mourns**, and (the) prince **is clothed** (with) desolation
 [3-4] and hands (**two**) of the people of earth **are dismayed**
 [8] from *[according to]* their way, I **will do** (to) them
 [9] and according to their judgments, I **will judge** them
 [5] and they **will know**

[10] that I (**am**) YHWH!

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[4-5] and it **happened** in (the) **year**, the **sixth** –

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[1] in (the) **sixth** *[month]*

[2-6] in **five** *[days]* to (the) **month**, I (**was**) **sitting** in my house

[1] and (the) elders of Judah (**were**) **sitting** before me

[1-2] and (there) **fell** upon me there, (the) hand of my **Lord**, YHWH

[7] and I **saw**

[3] and behold, (there **was**) a likeness like (the) appearance of a man

[4-6] from (the) appearance of His loins (**two**) and **to**, **beneath** (**was**) fire

[7-9] and from His loins (**two**) and **to**, **above** (**was**) like (the) appearance of brightness,

[10] like the **eye** of amber

[1] and He **sent** (the) form of a hand

[2] and He **took** me by a lock of my head *[hair]*

[8-9] and (there) **lifted** me, (the) Spirit, between the **earth** and

between the **heavens**

[10] and **brought** me to Jerusalem in (the) visions of God –

[2-3] to (the) entrance of (the) **gate**, the **inner**, the, **turning** north

[4-5] which, there (**is**) (the) seat of the image of jealousy, the, **making jealous**

[3] and behold, there (**was**) (the) glory of (the) God of Israel

[1] like (the) appearance which I **had seen** in (the) valley

[4] and He **said** to me

[2] **son** of man,

[3-4] (you) **lift up**, now, your eyes (**two**), (the) way,

[5] **northward**

[1-2] and I **lifted up** my eyes (**two**), (the) way,

[3] **northward**

[1-2] and behold, from (the) north, to (the) gate of the altar (**was**) the image of

jealousy, the **this**, at (the) entrance

[5] and He **said** to me

[4-5] **son** of man, (**is there**) **seeing**, **you**, from them –

[3-4] (that) (they **are**) **doing abominations**, **great**

[5-6] which (the) house of Israel (**are**) **doing** here, **to be far** from upon My sanctuary?

16 elements

15 elements

70-fold elders

70 elements

If the literary counting is correct, a 16-fold / 15-fold reflection may be intended here, in that Ezekiel is now 31 years old, versus the 30-year metric from chapter 1.

Beneath
↑
Above
↓

[6] and still, you **will turn back**
[7-8] you **will see abominations, great!**

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[1] and He **brought** me to (the) entrance of the courtyard
[9] and I **looked**

[7] and behold, a **hole, one, (was)** in (the) wall

[2] and He **said** to me

[10] **son** of man –

[1] (you) **dig**, please, in (the) wall

[2] and I **dug** in (the) wall

[8] and behold, (there **was**) an **opening, one**

[3] and He **said** to me

[3-4] **come** and **see**

[9-10] the **abominations**, the **evil**, which they (are) **doing** here!

[5-6] and I **came**, and I **saw**

[1-2] and behold, (there **were**) every form of **creeping-thing** and **beast**,

[3] **detestable-thing**

[4] and all idols of (the) house of Israel, **being engraved** upon the wall

all-around,

[5] **all-around**

[1-] and **sevens [seventy]** man from (the) elders of (the) house of Israel –

[2-3] and **Jaazaniah, son** of Shaphan, **standing** in their midst –

[4] (were) **standing** before them

[5] and a man – his censor (**was**) in his hand

[6] and fragrance of a cloud of the incense (**was**) **going up**

[4] and He **said** to me

[7-8] **have you seen, son** of man

[7] which, (the) elders of (the) house of Israel (are) **doing** in (the) dark, a man,
in (the) rooms of his images [*“imagination”*]?

[8] for (they are) **saying**

[5] there **is not**, YHWH, **seeing** us!

[6] (there) **has forsaken**, YHWH, the land!

[7] and He **said** to me

[9] still, you **will turn back**

[10] you **will see abominations** –

[1] **great**

[9] which they (are) **doing**

[8] and He **brought** me to (the) entrance of (the) gate of (the) house of YHWH

[10] which (**was**) toward the north

70 elements | 70-fold elders

70

25 elements | 25-fold men

The measure *seventyfold* may be represented within the literary design as sevenfold elements multiplied by the tenfold literary identity of the central character: “Jaazaniah, son of Shaphan, standing in their midst.” Notice that “standing in their midst” occurs at the middle element of this sevenfold. Jaazaniah, who is introduced with two elements here, will be developed with more elements in the passage that follows, to fill out his tenfold literary identity.

[1-2] and behold, there, the women (**were**) **sitting**, **weeping** for Tammuz

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[9] and He **said** to me

 [2-3] **have you seen**, **son** of man?

 [4] still, you **will turn back**

 [5-6] you **will see abominations**, **greater** than these

[10] and He **brought** me to (the) **courtyard** of (the) house of YHWH,

[1] the **inner**

 [3] and behold, (at) (the) entrance of (the) temple of YHWH, between the **porch**

 [4-5] and between the altar, (there **were**), like, **tens** [twenty] 20

 [6-10] and **five** man (5) } ←

 [1] their backs (were) toward (the) temple of YHWH

 [2] and their faces (**were**) eastward

 [3] and they (**were**) **worshipping** eastward, to (the) sun

[2] and He **said** to me

 [7-8] **have you seen**, **son** of man?

 [4-5] **is** it **being** (too) **easy** for (the) house of Judah, from, **to do** the abominations

 [6] which they **do** here

 [7] that they **fill** the land (with) violence

 [8-9] and they **turn back**, **to make** Me angry?

[10] and behold, they (**are**) **sending** the branch to their nose!

[3] and also I **will act** in My wrath

[4] (there) **will not pity**, my eye

[5] and I **will not spare**!

[1-2] and they **will cry** in My ears (**two**), a voice,

 [3] **great**

[1] and I **will not hear** them 8:18

[2-3] and He **cried** in my ears (**two**), a voice, 9:1

[4] **great**, **saying**

 [4] (there) **will come near**, (the) overseers of the city

 [5] and a man – (the) weapon of his destruction (**will be**) in his **hand**

[1-6] and behold, **six** men (**were**) **coming** from (the) way of (the) gate of the upper

 [7] which, (it **is**) **turning** toward (the) north

 [8] and a man – (the) weapon of his slaughter (**was**) in his hand

 [9-10] and a **man**, **one**, (**was**) in their midst, (**being**) clothed (with) linens

[1-2] and an ink-horn of the scribe (**was**) at his loins (**two**)

 [3-4] and they **came in** and **stood** beside the altar of bronze

25 elements | 25-fold men

[5] and (the) glory of (the) God of Israel **had gone up** from upon the cherub –
 [6] which, it [*glory*] **had been** upon it [*cherub*] – to (the) threshold of the house
 [7] and He **called** to the man –

[5] the, **having been** clothed (with) the linens –

[1-2] which, (the) inkhorn of the scribe (**was**) at his loins (**two**) –

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[8] and (there) **said**, YHWH, to him

[3] **pass through**, in (the) midst of the **city**

[4] in (the) midst of **Jerusalem**

[5] and you **will mark** a mark upon (the) foreheads of the men –

[6-7] the, (those) **sighing**, and the, (those) **groaning** over all the abominations,

[8] the, (those) **being done** in her midst

[9-10] and to these [*others*], He **said** in my ears (**two**):

[9-10] **pass through**, in (the) city after him, and **smite**!

[1-2] **let** (there) **not pity**, your eyes (**two**)

[3] and **let** (you) **not spare** (the) elder

[4-7] **young-man** and **maiden** and **child** and **women**, **slay**, for destruction

[8-9] and [*but*] upon every man – which, upon him (**is**) the mark – **let** (you) **not touch**

[10] and from My sanctuary, you **shall begin**

[1] and they **began** with (the) men,

[2] the elders who (**were**) before the house

[1] and He **said** to them

[3-4] **defile** the house, and **fill** the courts (with) slain

[5] **go out**!

[1-2] and they **went out** and **struck** in (the) city

[3-4] and it **happened**, as their, **to strike** –

[9] and (there **was**) **remaining**, I

[10] and I **fell** upon my faces

[1-2] and I **cried out** and **said**

[3-4] ah, my **Lord**, YHWH!

[2] **will** (there **be**) **destroying**, **You**, all (the) remnant of Israel

[3] in Your, **to pour out** Your wrath upon Jerusalem?

[4] and He **said** to me

[5-6] (the) guilt of (the) house of **Israel** and of **Judah** (**is**) great with abundance,

[7] **much**!

[8] and (there) **is filled**, the land, (with) bloods

[9] and the city **has been filled** (with) injustice

[10] for they **say**

[5] (there) **has forsaken**, YHWH, the land
 [6] and **there is not**, YHWH, **seeing**
 [7] and also I – (there) **will not pity**, My eye
 [8] and I **will not spare**
 [9] their ways, upon their heads, I **will set**
 [1] and behold, the man (**being**) clothed (with) the linens –
 [2-3] which, the inkhorn (**was**) at his loins (**two**) – (**was**) **returning** word
 [4] **saying**
 [5] I **have done**
[10] as which, You **have commanded** me 9:11
 [5] and I **looked** 10:1
 [1] and behold, toward the expanse which (**was**) over (the) head of the cherubim,
 [2] (there **was**) like, a stone of sapphire
 [3] like (the) appearance of (the) likeness of a throne, **being seen** over them
 [4] and He **said** to the man –
 [1] (the) (**being**) clothed (with) the linens –
 [5] and He **said**
 [2] **go** toward, between, to (the) **wheel** [*“galgal,” a whirlwind*]
 [3-4] toward, under, to (the) cherub, and **fill** your handfuls (**two**) (with) coals of fire
 from between, to (the) cherubim
 [5] and **toss** (them) upon the city
 [1-2] and he **went** before my eyes (**two**)
 [1] and the cherubim (**were**) **standing** from (the) right-hand, to (the) house
 [3-4] in **his**, **to come** – the **man’s** –
 [2-3] and the cloud **had filled** the **courtyard**, the **inner**
 [4] and (there) **rose**, (the) glory of YHWH, from upon the cherub, over (the) threshold of the house
 [5] and (there) **was filled**, the house, with the cloud
 [6] and the courtyard **was filled** with (the) brightness of (the) glory of YHWH
 [5] and (the) voice of (the) wings [*general plural noun*] of the cherubim **was heard** as far as the **courtyard**,
 [6-7] the outer, like (the) voice of **God, Almighty**, in His, **to speak**
 [8-9] and it **happened**, in His, **to command** the man –
 [7] (the) (**being**) clothed (with) the linens –
[10] **saying**
 [8] **“take** fire from between, to (the) **wheel** [*“galgal,” a whirlwind*]
 [9] from between, to (the) **cherubim**” –
[10] and he **went**

[1] and he **stood** beside the wheel *[return to general noun for "wheel"]*
 [1] and (there) **sent**, the cherub, his hand from between, to (the) cherubim, toward the fire
 [2] which (**was**) between the cherubim
 [3] and he **lifted** (it)
 [4] and he **gave** (it) –
 [2-3] to (the) handfuls (**two**) of (him) (**being**) clothed (with) the linens
 [4-5] and he **took** (it) and **went out**
 [5] and (there) **was seen**, of (the) cherubim, (the) form of a **hand** of man, under their wings
 [general plural noun]
 [6] and I **looked**
 [1-4] and behold, **four** wheels (**were**) beside the cherubim:
 [5] a **wheel**, **one**, beside the **cherub**, **one**
 [6] and a **wheel**, **one**, beside the **cherub**, **one**
 [7] and (the) appearance of the wheels (**was**) like an eye of stone of beryl
 [8] and their appearance (**was**) a **likeness**, **one**, to (the) four of them
 [9-10] as which, (there) **was** the **wheel** in (the) midst of the **wheel**
 [1-4] in their, **to go** toward (the) **four** of their fourths *[sides]*, they **went** –
 [5-6] they **did not turn about** in their, **to go**
 [7] because the place which (there) **turned**, the head –
 [8] after it, they **went**
 [9-10] they **did not turn about** in their, **to go**
 [1-2] and all their **flesh** and their **rims**
 [3-4] and their hands (**two**)
 [5] and their **wings** *[general plural noun]*
 [6-7] and the wheels (**were**) full (of) eyes (**two**), all around, to (the) four of them – their wheels
 [8] to (the) **wheels** –
 [9-10] to them, (there) **was called**, "the wheel *["galgal," the whirlwind]*," in my ears (**two**)
 [1-4] and **four** faces (**were**) to **one**:
 [5] (the) faces of the one (**were**) (the) faces of the cherub
 [6] and (the) faces of the second (**were**) (the) faces of a man
 [7] and the third (**were**) (the) faces of a lion
 [8] and the fourth (**were**) (the) faces of an eagle
 [9] and (there) **were lifted up**, the cherubim
 [10] it **was** the living-creature –
 [7-8] which I **had seen** at (the) **river**, **Chebar** *["already, before; from the reach of time"]*

2000-fold measure

[1] and in (there), to go, the cherubim –

[2] (there) went, the wheels, beside them [return to general noun for “wheels”]

[3-4] and in (there), to lift up, the cherubim, their wings [general plural noun], to rise from upon the earth –

[5] (there) did not turn about, the wheels

[6] also they (were) from, beside them

[7-8] in their, to stand – they [these] stood

[9-10] and in their, to rise – they [these] rose with them

[1] because (the) spirit of the living-creature (was) in them

[2] and (there) went out, (the) glory of YHWH, from upon (the) threshold of the house

[3] and it stood above the cherubim

[4] and (there) lifted up, the cherubim, their wings [general plural noun]

[5-6] and they rose from the earth before my eyes (two) in their, to go out

[7] and the wheels (were) to, beside them

[8-9] and it stood (at the) entrance of (the) gate of (the) house of YHWH, the eastern [“former,” “of ancient times”]

[10]* and (the) glory of (the) God of Israel (was) over them from, to above

[1] it (was) the living-creature –

[9-10] which I had seen under (the) God of Israel at (the) river, Chebar [“already, before; from the reach of time”]

[1] and I knew

[2-5] that cherubim, they (were), four

[1-4] four faces (were) to one

[5-8] and four wings (two) (were) to one

[9-10] and (the) likeness of hands (two) of a man (was) under their wings [general plural noun]

[1] and (there was) (the) likeness of their faces:

[2] they (were) the faces –

[2-3] which, I had seen over (the) river, Chebar, their appearances

[3] and them –

[4] a man, toward the other-side of his faces [i.e., straight ahead] – they went 10:22

[4] and (there) lifted me, (the) Spirit 11:1

[5-6] and He brought me to (the) gate of (the) house of YHWH – the eastern [“former,” “of ancient times”]

[1] the, (it) turning eastward

[2-3] and behold, at (the) entrance of the gate (were) tens [twenty] 20

[4-8] and five man (5)

25 elements | 25 men

“over them from, to above” | This measurement language is tightly bounded in a context of time-related allusions (“eastern,” “Chebar”) that point backwards in time. See the same measurement phrase at Ezek. 1:11. A literary measure of exactly 2000-fold spans these contexts, as shown with the cyan measurement line. See comments, 1:11.

[7] and I saw in the midst of them:

[9-10] Jaazaniah, son of Azzur

[1-2] and Pelatiah, son of Benaiah –

[3] princes of the people

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[5] and He said to me

[4] son of man, these (are) the men

[5] the, (those) devising iniquity

[6-7] and the, (those) counseling a counsel of evil in (the) city, the this

[8] the, (those) saying

[9-10] (there) (is) not in nearness, to build houses

[1-2] it (is) the pot, and we (are) the flesh

[8] to thus, (you) prophesy over them

[9-10] (you) prophesy, son of man!

[1] and (there) fell upon me, (the) Spirit of YHWH

[2] and He said to me

[3] say,

[6] thus says YHWH

[3-4] so you say, [O] house of Israel

[5] and (the) ascents of your spirit –

[7-8] I – I have known it

[1-2] you have multiplied your slain in (the) city, the this

[3] and you have filled her streets (with) (the) slain

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[9-10] to this, thus says my Lord, YHWH

[4] your slain, which you have set in her midst –

[5] they (are) the flesh

[6] and she (is) the pot

[7] and you, they will bring out from her midst!

[8] (the) sword, you have feared

[1-2] and a sword, I will bring upon you – (is) utterance of my Lord, YHWH

[3] and I will bring you out from her midst

[4] and I will give you into (the) hand of foreigners

[5] and I will execute upon you, judgments

[9] with (the) sword, you will fall upon (the) border of Israel

[1] I will judge you

[10] and you will know

[2] that I (am) YHWH

[1] she [the city] will not become for you, to a pot
 [2] and you will (not) become, in her, to flesh
 [3] to (the) border of Israel, I will judge you
 [3] and you will know
 [4] that I (am) YHWH
 [4] which, in My statutes, you have not walked
 [5] and my judgments, you have not done
 [6-7] and according to (the) judgments of the nations who (are) all-around you, you
 have done
 [8] and it happened –
 [4] as my, to prophesy –
 [9-10] and Pelatiah, son of Benaiah, died!
 [5] and I fell upon my faces
 [6-7] and I cried out (with) a voice, great
 [8] and I said
 [9-10] ah, my Lord, YHWH!

[5-6] an annihilation, (are) You making with (the) remnant of Israel?

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[1] and (there) was, (the) word of YHWH to me, saying
 [1-2] son of man – your brothers, your brothers –
 [3] men of your redemption [kinship?]
 [4] and all of (the) house of Israel –
 [5-6] all of it – which, (there) say to them, (those) inhabiting Jerusalem
 [7] “be far from upon YHWH
 [8-10] to us, she has been given – the land – for a possession” –

--- minor paragraph break³³ ---

[2] to this, say
 [7-8] thus says my Lord, YHWH
 [9] when I made them far off among (the) nations
 [10] and when I scattered them among (the) lands –

[1] and [yet] I became to them –

[2-3] to a sanctuary, little, among (the) lands

[1] which, they went there

--- minor paragraph break³⁴ ---

[3] to this, say

[4-5] thus says my Lord, YHWH

1000-fold

16 elements

31 elements

The literary reflection may correlate this placement of “little” with the measurement language “from, to above” on the next page.

The word “little” has been observed to represent a thousandfold of the age (see, e.g., comments in Mark chapters 7, 8, 12; John chapters 6, 16; Rev. 6:11/20:3 and chapter 10; also Isaiah 60). A thousandfold literary stature may arise from this location, reaching to God’s giving a “tender (one)” – the Messianic King – in Israel (17:22).

[1-2] and I **will gather** you from the peoples; and I **will collect** you from the lands
 [2] which, you **have been scattered** among them
 [3] and I **will give** to you (the) land of Israel
 [3] and they **will come** here
 [4-5] and they **will turn aside** all her **detestable-things** and all her **abominations** from her
 [4] and I **will give** to them a **heart, one**
 [5-6] and a **spirit, new**, I **will give** in your midst
 [7] and I **will turn aside** the heart of stone from their flesh
 [8] and I **will give** to them a heart of flesh!
 [1] in order that, in My statutes, they **will walk**
 [2-3] and My judgments, they **will keep**, and they **will do** them
 [4-5] and **they will be** to Me, to a **people**
 [9-10] and I **will be** to them, to, **God**
 [6-7] and to (the) heart of their **detestable-things** and their **abominations**,
 their heart, **going** –
 [1-2] their way, upon their head, I **will put** – (is) (the) utterance of my **Lord, YHWH**
 [3] and (there) **lifted up**, the cherubim, their **wings** [general plural noun]
 [4] and the **wheels**, to, beside them
 [5] and (the) glory of (the) God of Israel (**was**) over them **from, to above**
 [6] and (there) **went up**, (the) glory of YHWH, from over (the) midst of the city
 [7] and it **stood** upon the mountain
 [8] which (**is**) from, **east** [ancient times] to (the) city
 [4] and (the) Spirit **lifted** me
 [5-6] and it **brought** me to **Chaldea**, to the **captivity**, in (the) vision,
 [7] in (the) **Spirit** of God
 [8] and (there) **went up** from upon me, the vision
 [9] which I **had seen**
 [10] and I **told** to the captivity all (the) words of YHWH
 [8] which He **had shown** me
 --- major paragraph break³⁵ ---
 [1] and (there) **was**, (the) word of YHWH, to me, **saying**
 [2-3] **son** of man – in (the) midst of (the) house of the rebellion,
you (are) dwelling
 [9-10] which, eyes (**two**) (**are**) to them, **to see** –
 [1] and they **do not see**
 [2-3] ears (**two**) (**are**) to them, **to hear**
 [4] and they **do not hear**
 [5] because a house of rebellion, they (**are**)



The 16-fold / 15-fold reflection follows the same pattern observed in chapter 8, in keeping with Ezekiel's increased age, from 30 to 31 years.

In keeping with the same metric mentioned above, Ezekiel may model the "sign" of his actions with the 31-fold stature of his age. The (2x) 31-fold measures correspond with the doubled placements of "sign," in chapter 12.

[4-5] and you, son of man –

[1] (you) make for yourself baggage of captivity

[2-3] and go into exile by day, before their eyes (two)

[4-5] and go into exile from your place to a place, other, before their eyes (two)

[1] perhaps they will see

[2] that a house of rebellion, they (are)

[1-2] and bring out your baggage, like (the) baggage of captivity, by day, before their eyes (two)

[3-4] and you shall go out at evening before their eyes (two), like (the) processions of captivity

[5-6] before their eyes (two), dig for yourself in (the) wall

[7] and bring (it) out through it

[8-9] before their eyes (two), upon a shoulder, lift in (the) dusk [sunset]

[10] bring (it) out

[1] your faces, cover

[2] and do not see the land

[9] because a sign, —————→

[10] I make you, to (the) house of Israel

[3-4] and I did, thus

[5] as which, I had been commanded

[6] my baggage, I brought out, as (the) baggage of captivity, by day

[7] and at evening, I dug for myself in (the) wall by hand

[8] in (the) dusk [sunset], I brought (it) out upon a shoulder

[9-10] I carried (it) before their eyes (two)

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[1] and (there) was, (the) word of YHWH to me in (the) morning, saying

[3-4] son of man – do (there) not say to you, (the) house of Israel,

[5] the house of the rebellion

[2] “what (are) you doing?”

[3] say to them

[1-2] thus says my Lord, YHWH

[4-5] (for) the prince (is) the oracle, the this, in Jerusalem

[6] and all (the) house of Israel

[1] which, they (are) in their midst

[7] say

[8] I (am) a sign for you: —————→

[9] as which I have done –

[2] thus, it will be done to them!

31 elements

25 elements

On the possibility of a 25-fold measure for the heavenly living creatures, who cover their faces and bear the glory of God (as it were, a captive audience), see the end of chapter 10. The same measure arose in chapter 8 as a stature of the wicked leaders who committed sins in the dark and asserted that God had forsaken His people.

Here, Ezekiel serves as a sign. He covers his face and bears his baggage, as a captive. He bears his burden at the time of dusk and darkness, digging through the wall (so also, chapter 8). Sandwiched between the 31-fold measures that correspond with Ezekiel’s age stature, a 25-fold measure may serve as a “sign” stature, alluding to the statures from chapters 8 and 10. As the cherubim bore God’s glory away in the heavenly realm, Ezekiel will exemplify the captivity that will take God’s people away in the earthly realm.

Notice also the placements of “evening... morning” here. In context, time flows forward for Ezekiel and his people in the earthly realm. In contrast, in chapter 10, the movement of the Cherubim was in the direction of “ancient times” (eastward).

Further in chapter 12 (below), Ezekiel may place another set of 25-fold measures in a literary reflection about a placement of “proverb.” There, the duration of time and the fulfillment of prophesy are a topic.

[3-4] into exile, into captivity, they will go!

[5-6] and the prince who (is) in their midst, to a shoulder, will lift up at dusk [sunset]

[7] and he will go out

[8-9] through a wall, they will dig, to bring (him) out through it

[10] his faces, he will cover

[1] because of which, (there) may not see to (the) eye – he – the land

[3] and I will spread out My net over him

[2] and he will be taken in My net

[4-5] and I will bring him to Babylon, (the) land of (the) Chaldeans

[3-4] and she [the land], he will not see; and there, he will die

[5-6] and all of – who (are) all-around him – his helpers, and all of his troops –

[6] I will scatter to every wind

[7] and a sword, I will empty [unleash] after them

[7] and they will know

[8] that I (am) YHWH

[9] in My, to scatter them among (the) nations

[10] and I will scatter them among (the) lands

[1] and I will make remain from them, men of a number – →

[2-4] from (the) sword, from famine, and from pestilence –

[8-9] in order that they may count [recount] all their abominations →
among the nations which, they have gone there

[10] and they will know

[5] that I (am) YHWH

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[10] and (there) was, (the) word of YHWH to me, saying

[1-2] son of man – your bread, with a tremble, you shall eat

[3-4] and your water, with a quiver and with anxiety, you shall drink

[5] and you shall say to (the) people of the land

[1-2] thus says my Lord, YHWH

[1-2] to (those) inhabiting Jerusalem, to (the) land of Israel:

[3] their bread, with anxiety, they will eat

[4] and their water, with horror, they will drink

[5] in order that (there) may be desolate, her land, from her fullness

[6] from (the) violence of all the, (those) dwelling in her

[7-8] and the cities – the, (those) being inhabited – will be dried up

[9] and the land – a desolation, will be

[10] and they will know

[3] that I (am) YHWH

--- major paragraph break³⁸ ---

31 elements

25 elements

[1] and (there) **was**, (the) word of YHWH to me, **saying**
 [2-3] son of man, what **(is)** the **proverb**, the **this**, to you (all)
 concerning (the) land of Israel, **saying**
 [1] “(there) **are long**, the **days**
 [2] and (there) **perishes**, every vision?”
 [4] to thus, **say** to them
 [4-5] thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH
 [1-2] I **will make cease**, the **proverb**, the **this**
 [3] and they **will not use-as-proverb**, it, again, in Israel!
 [5] but **say** to them
 [4] (there) **draw near**, the **days**
 [5] and (the) **word** of every vision
 [6] for (there) **will not be**, longer, every **vision** of falsehood
 [7] and **divination** of flattery in (the) midst of (the) house of Israel
 [3] for I **(am)** YHWH
 [4-5] I **will speak**, what I **will speak**, a word
 [8] and it **will be done**
 [9] it **will not be prolonged**, still
 [6] because in your **days**, [O] house of the rebellion, I **will speak** a word
 [7-8] and I **will do** it – **(is)** (the) utterance of my **Lord**, YHWH
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 [1] and (there) **was**, (the) word of YHWH to me, **saying**
 [10] son of man, behold, (the) house of Israel **(are)** **saying**
 [2-3] the vision which he **(is)** **seeing**, **(is)** for **days**, **many**
 [4-5] and for **times**, **far-off**, he **(is)** **prophesying**
 [6] to thus, **say** to them
 [9-10] thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH
 [1] (there) **will not be prolonged**, still, all of My words, which –
 [1] I **have spoken**, a word –
 [2-3] and I **will do** (it) – **(is)** (the) utterance of my **Lord**, YHWH
 --- minor paragraph break⁴⁰ ---
 [7] and (there) **was**, (the) word of YHWH to me, **saying**
 [8-9] **son** of man, **(you)** **prophesy** to the prophets of Israel –
 [2] the, (those) **prophesying**
 [10] and you **shall say** to (the) prophets of –
 [3] (it **is**) from their hearts –
 [4] **hear** (the) word of YHWH

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25 elements

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[4-5] thus **says** my **Lord, YHWH**

[5-6] woe (**be**) upon the **prophets**, the **foolish**

[7] which, they (**are**) **going** after their spirits

[8] and nothing, they **have seen**

[9-10] like **jackals** among ruins, (the) **prophets** of Israel **have become**

[1] you **have not gone up** in (the) breaches

[2] and **built up** (the) wall upon (the) house of Israel

[3] **to stand** in (the) battle in (the) **day** of YHWH

[4-5] they **have seen emptiness**, and **divination** of falsehood

[6] the, (they) **saying** –

[1] “(it **is**) (the) utterance of YHWH” –

[2] and YHWH **has not sent** them!

[7] and they **expect** (Him) –

[3] **to fulfill** a word

[8] **have** you **not**, visions of emptiness, **seen**?

[9] and divinations of falsehood, **spoken**?

[10] and you (**are**) **saying**

[4] “(it **is**) (the) utterance of YHWH”

[5-6] and **I** – **I have not spoken**!

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[7-8] to this, thus **says** my **Lord, YHWH**

[1] because of your, **to speak** emptiness

[2] and **have seen** falsehood

[9-10] to thus, behold, I (**am**) against you – (**is**) (the) utterance of my **Lord, YHWH**!

[1] and (there) **will be**, My hand, toward the prophets –

[3] the, (those) **seeing** emptiness

[4] and the, (those) **divining** falsehood

[5] in (the) council of My people, they **shall not be**

[6] and in (the) register of (the) house of Israel, they **will not be written**

[7] and to (the) land of Israel, they **will not come**

[8] and you **will know**

[2-3] that I (**am**) (the) **Lord, YHWH**

[9-10] **because**, and in, **because**, you **have misled** My people, **saying**

[1] “(it **is**) **peace**”

[2] and **there is not peace**!

[3] and he (**is**) **building** a wall

[4] and behold, they (**are**) **plastering** it (with) plaster

[5-6] say to (those) plastering plaster
 [7] “and it will fall!”
 [8] (there) will be rain, overflowing
 [9-10] and you, [O] stones of hail, will fall
 [1] and a wind of a storms will break through!
 [2] and behold, (there) will fall, the wall
 [3] will (there) not be said to you
 [4-5] where (is) the plaster, which you plastered?

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[4-5] to this, thus says my Lord, YHWH
 [1] and I will cause to break through, a wind of a storms, in My wrath
 [1] and rain, overflowing in My anger, will be
 [2] and (there will be) stones of hail, in wrath, for annihilation
 [2] and I will destroy the wall
 [3] which you have plastered (with) plaster
 [3] and I will strike it down to the earth
 [4] and (there) will be uncovered, its foundation
 [5] and it will fall
 [6] and it will perish in your midst
 [7] and you will know
 [4] that I (am) YHWH
 [5] and I will complete My wrath against (the) wall
 [8] and against (those) plastering it (with) plaster
 [6] and I will say to you
 [9] there is not, the wall
 [10] and there is not, the, (those) plastering it
 [1-2] (the) prophets of Israel, the, (those) prophesying to Jerusalem
 [3] and the, (those) seeing for her a vision of peace
 [4] and there was not peace
 [7-8] (is) (the) utterance of my Lord, YHWH

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 [1-2] and you, son of man –
 [3] (you) set your faces toward (the) daughters of My people –
 [5] the, (those) prophesying from their heart
 [4] and prophesy against them
 [5] and you shall say
 [9-10] thus says my Lord, YHWH

[1-2] who (be) to (those), **sewing** [magic] bands upon all joints [wrists]
 of (their) hands (**two**)
 [3-4] and **making** the veils upon (the) head of every height, **to hunt** souls!
 [5] souls, **will** you **hunt**, toward [from] My people –
 [6] and souls, for yourself, **keep alive**?
 [7-8] and you **profaned** Me to My people for **handfuls** of barley and for
morsels of bread
 [9] **to put to death** (the) souls –
[10] which, they **should not die**
 [1] and **to keep alive** (the) souls –
 [2] which, they **should not live**
 [3] in your, **to lie** to My people,
 [4] (those) **listening** to falsehood

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[1-2] to this, thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH
 [3] behold, I (**am**) against your [magic] bands
 [5] which, you (**are**) **hunting** there the souls –
 [6] to, (the) **flying** –
 [4] and I **will tear** them from upon your arms [general plural noun]
 [5] and I **will send** [free] the souls –
 [7] which, you (**are**) **hunting** the souls –
 [8] to (**be**) **flying**
 [6] and I **will tear** your veils
 [7] and I **will deliver** My people from your hand
[9-10] and **they will not become**, again, in your hand, to a **prey**
 [1] and you **will know**
 [8] that I (**am**) YHWH
 [2-3] because, **to dishearten** (the) **heart**, **righteous**, (with) a lie –
[9-10] and I – I **have not caused** him **pain**! –
 [4-5] and **to make strong** (the) hands (**two**) of evil
 [6-7] lest he **turn back** from his **way**, the **evil**, for his, **to live** –
 [8] to thus, falsehood, you **will not see**
 [9] and divination, you **will not practice** again
 [1] and I **will deliver** My people from your hand
[10] and you **will know**
 [2] that I (**am**) YHWH!

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[1] and (there) **came** to me, men from (the) elders of Israel

[2] and they **sat** before me

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[1] and (there) **was**, (the) word of YHWH to me, **saying**

[3-4] son of man – the **men**, the **these**, **are making go up**, their idols, upon their heart

[5] and (the) stumbling-block of their iniquity, they **have set** in front of their faces

[3-4] **to be sought**, **shall I be sought** by them?!

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[2] to thus, **speak** with them

[3] and you **shall say** to them

[5-6] thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH

[1-2] a **man** – a **man** from (the) house of Israel who **makes go up**, his idols, to his heart

[3] and (the) stumbling-block of his iniquity, he **sets** in front of his faces

[4] and he **comes** to the prophet

[7-8] I, YHWH –

[9] I **will answer** him

[5] in (his), **[to come]** with (the) abundance of his idols

[10] in order **to lay hold** of (the) house of Israel, at their heart

[6-7] which, **they are estranged** from upon Me, with their idols – **all** of them

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[4] to thus, **say** to (the) house of Israel

[1-2] thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH

[8-9] **turn back**, and **cause to turn back** from upon your idols

[10] and from upon all your abominations, **make turn back**, your faces

[1-2] for a **man** – a **man** from (the) house of Israel

[3] and from the **stranger** who **dwells** in Israel

[4] and he **separates** from after **[behind]** Me

[5] and he **makes go up**, his idols, to his heart

[6] and (the) stumbling-block of his iniquity, he **sets** in front of his faces

[7-8] and he **comes** to the prophet, **to seek** through him, with Me

[3-5] I, YHWH, **(will be) answering** to him, by **Myself**!

[6-7] and I **will set** My faces against (the) **man**, the **that**

[8] and I **will make him**:

[9-10] to a **sign** and to **proverbs**

[9] and I **will cut** him **off** from (the) midst of My people

[1] and you will know
 [10] that I (am) YHWH
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 [2-3] and the prophet – when he is deceived
 [4] and he speaks a word –
 [1-2] I, YHWH, have deceived the prophet,
 [3] the that
 [4] and I will stretch out My hand upon him
 [5-6] and I will destroy him from (the) midst of My people, Israel
 [5] and they will bear their iniquity
 [6] as (the) iniquity of the, (him) seeking
 [7] as (the) iniquity of the prophet, it will be
 [8] in order that (there) may not go astray again, (the) house of Israel, from after
 [behind] Me
 [9-10] and they may not defile themselves again, with all their transgressions
 [1-2] and they will be, to Me, to a people
 [7-8] and I will be to them, to God – (is) (the) utterance of my Lord,
 [9] YHWH
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 [5] and (there) was, (the) word of YHWH to me, saying
 [3] son of man, a land –
 [4-5] when she sins against Me, to commit an unfaithful act
 [10] and I stretch out My hand upon her
 [1] and I break for her (the) staff of bread
 [2] and I send against her, famine
 [3-4] and I cut off from her, man and beast –
 [1-3] and [though] (there) be the three of men,
 [4] the these, in her midst –
 [5-7] Noah, Daniel, and Job –
 [8] they, by their righteousness, would deliver their lives
 [5-6] (is) (the) utterance of my Lord, YHWH
 [7-8] if a beast, evil, I make pass through, in (the) land
 [9] and it bereaves her
 [10] and she is a desolation –
 [1] so as, none passing through from before the beast –
 [2-4] the three of men,
 [5] the these, in her midst –
 [9-10] alive (am) I [as I live] – (is) (the) utterance of my Lord, YHWH –

[1-2] neither sons and neither daughters, would they deliver

[3-4] they, only themselves, would deliver

[5] and the land would be a desolation

[1-2] or a sword, I bring upon the land, the this

[3] and I say

[1] a sword, let (there) pass through (the) land

[4-5] and I cut off from her, man and beast

[2-5] and the three of men, the these, (are) in her midst –

[1-2] alive (am) I [as I live] – (is) (the) utterance of my Lord, YHWH –

[1-2] they would not deliver sons and daughters

[3-4] because they, only themselves, would deliver

[3-4] or pestilence, I send to the land, the this

[5-6] and I pour out My wrath upon her with blood, to cut off from her, man and beast

[5-7] and Noah, Daniel, and Job (were) in her midst

[7-8] alive (am) I [as I live] – (is) (the) utterance of my Lord, YHWH

[8-9] neither son, neither daughter, would they deliver

[10] they, in their righteousness, would deliver their lives

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[9-10] for thus says my Lord, YHWH

[1-4] indeed, when (the) four of My judgments,

[5] the evil –

[1-5] sword and famine and beast, evil, and pestilence, I send to Israel, to cut off from her, man

[6] and beast –

[7] and behold, (there) will remain over, in her, an escape

[8-9] the, (there) being brought out, sons and daughters

[10] behold, they (will be) coming out to you

[1-2] and you will see their way and their deeds

[3] and you will be comforted over the disaster

[1] which I have brought upon Jerusalem –

[2] all which I have brought upon her

[4] and they will console you –

[5-6] when you see their way and their deeds

[7] and you will know

[8] that (it was) not for nothing –

[3] I have done all,

[4-5] which I have done with her – (is) (the) utterance of my Lord, YHWH

14:23

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[6] and (there) **was**, (the) word of YHWH to me, **saying**
 [9] son of man, what **is** (the) wood of the vine,
 [10] (more) than every wood of the branch which **is** among (the) trees of the forest?
 [1-2] is (their) **being taken** from it, wood, **to make**, for a work?
 [3-4] **do** they **take** from it a peg, **to hang** upon it any utensil?
 [5] behold, to fire, it **is given** for food [*fuel*]!
 [1-2] its **two** ends, (there) **devours**, the fire
 [3] and its midst **is burned**
 [4] **is** it **good** for a work?
 [5-6] behold, in its, **to be** whole, it **was not used** for a work
 [7] indeed, when fire **devours** it
 [8] and it **is burned**
 [9] and **will** it **be used**, still, for a work?

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[1-2] to this, thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH
 [10] as which, (there **is**) (the) wood of the vine among (the) tree of the forest –

[3-4] which, I **have given it** to (the) fire, for **food**
 [5] so I **have given over** –

[1] (those) **inhabiting** Jerusalem
 [1] and I **have set** My faces against them
 [2] from the fire, they **go out**
 [3] and [*yet*] the fire **will devour** them
 [4] and they **will know**
 [2] that I (**am**) YHWH
 [3] in My, **to set** My faces against them
 [4-5] and I **will make** the **earth**, a **desolation**
 [5] because they **have committed** an unfaithful act
 [6-7] (**is**) (the) utterance of my **Lord**, YHWH

15:8

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16:1

[7] and (there) **was**, (the) word of YHWH to me, **saying**
 [8-9] **son** of man, (**you**) **make known** (to) Jerusalem, her abominations
 [10] and you **shall say**
 [8-9] thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH, to Jerusalem
 [1-2] your **origins** and your **births** (**were**) from (the) land of the Canaanite
 [3] your father (**was**) the Amorite
 [4] and your mother (**was**) a Hittite

[5] and *[as for]* your births, on (the) **day** of, **to be born**, you –

[1] (there) **was not cut**, your naval

[2] and with water, you **were not washed** for purification *[cleansing]*

[3-4] and **to salt** – you **were not salted**

[5-6] and **to be swaddled** – you **were not swaddled**

[7-8] (there) **did not pity** upon you, an eye, **to do** for you one from these (things),
for compassion upon you

[9] and you **were cast** to (the) faces of the field in abhorrence of your soul

[10] in (the) **day** of, **to be born**, you

[10] and I **passed by**, over you

[1] and I **saw** you –

[1-2] **kicking about** *[reflexive verb]* in your bloods

[2] and I **said** to you in your bloods

[3] **live!**

[3] and I **said** to you in your bloods

[4] **live!**

[4-5] **ten-thousand**, like, plant of the field, I **made you**

[5-6] and you **grew up** and **became tall**

[7] and you **came** into adornment of adornments

[8-9] your breasts (**two**) **were firm** *[formed]*

[10] and your hair **sprouted** *[grew]* –

[1-2] and *[yet]* you (**were**) **naked** and **bare**

[6] and I **passed by**, over you

[7] and I **saw** you

[3] and behold, your **time** (**was**) a **time** for loves

[8] and I **spread out** My wing *[edge of garment]* over you

[9] and I **covered** your nakedness

[10] and I **vowed** to you

[1-2] and **entered** into covenant with you – (**is**) (the) utterance of my **Lord**, **YHWH**

[4-5] and **you became**, to **Me**

[3] and I **washed** you with water

[4] and I **rinsed** your bloods from upon you

[5] and I **anointed** you with oil

[6] and I **clothed** you (with) embroidery

[7] and I **shod** you (with) leather

[8] and I **wrapped** you with linen

[9] and I **covered** you (with) silk

[10] and I **adorned** you (with) adornment

[1-2] and I **gave** bracelets upon your hands (**two**)
 [3] and a **necklace** upon your neck
 [4] and I **gave** a **ring** upon your nose
 [5-6] and earrings upon your ears (**two**)
 [7] and a **crown** of beauty upon your head
 [1-2] and you **were adorned** (with) **gold** and **silver**
 [3-5] and your attire (**was**) **linen** and **silk** and **embroidery**
 [6-8] **flour** and **honey** and **oil**, you **ate**
 [9-10] and you **were** beautiful, in, **very**,
 [1] **very**
 [2] and you **advanced** to royalty
 [3] and (there) **went forth** for you, a name among (the) nations, with *[because of]*
 your beauty
 [4] for perfect, it (**was**), in My majesty –
 [8-9] which I **had placed** upon you – (**is**) (the) utterance of my **Lord, YHWH**
 [5] and you **trusted** in your beauty
 [6] and you **played-the-harlot** because of your name
 [7] and you **poured out** your harlotries upon every –
 [8] (he) **passing by**
 [9-10] to **him**, it *[your beauty]* **became**
 [1] and you **took** from your garments
 [2-3] and you **made** for yourself high-places of (things), **being variegated**
 [4] and you **played-the-harlot** upon them –
 [5] (they) *[the like]* **have not been coming**
 [6] and it *[the like]* **will not be!**
 [7-8] and you **took** (the) jewels of your beauty, from My **gold** and My **silver**
 [10] which I **had given** to you
 [9] and you **made** for yourself images of men
 [10] and you **played-the-harlot** with them
 [1] and you **took** (the) garments of your embroidery
 [2] and you **covered** them
 [3-5] and My **oil** and My **incense**, you **placed** before them, and My **bread**
 [1] which I **had given** to you –
 [6-8] **flour** and **oil** and **honey** –
 [2] *[which]* I **fed** to you –
 [9] and you **placed** it before them for an aroma of tranquility
 [10] and *[thus]* it **was**
 [3-4] (**is**) (the) utterance of my **Lord, YHWH**
 [1-2] and you **took** your **sons** and your **daughters**
 [3] which, you **bore** to Me
 [4-5] and you **sacrificed** them to them, **to devour**

- [1] (is it) a little, from your harlotries –
 [2] and you slaughtered My sons
 [3-4] and you gave them for, to make them pass through [fire] for them
 [5-6] and (for) all your abominations and your harlotries, you did not remember
 (the) days of your youth in your, to be naked
 [7] and bare
 [8-9] kicking about [reflexive verb] in your blood, you were
 [10] and it was, after all your evil –
 [1-2] woe, woe (be) to you! –
 [5-6] (is) (the) utterance of my Lord, YHWH
 [3] and you built for yourself a mound
 [4] and you made for yourself a high-place in every square
 [5] on every head of (the) road, you built your high-place
 [6] and you made abhorrent, your beauty
 [7-8] and you opened wide, your legs (two) to every,
 [9] (him) passing by
 [10] and you made great, your harlotry
 [1-2] and you played-the-harlot toward (the) sons of Egypt, your neighbors,
 [3] (those) being great of flesh
 [4] and you made great, your harlotry
 [5] to provoke Me to anger
 [7-8] and behold, I stretched out My hand upon you and reduced your prescribed-portion
 [9] and I gave you over into (the) soul [appetite] of your enemies –
 [1-2] sons of (the) Philistines, the, (those) being ashamed from your ways of
 wickedness
 [3] and you played-the-harlot toward (the) sons of Assyria, from (the) lack of your
 satisfaction
 [4] and you played-the-harlot (with) them
 [5] and also, you were not satisfied
 [1-2] and you made many, your harlotries, toward (the) land of Canaan, Chaldea
 [3] and also in this, you were not satisfied
 [4-] how (there is) being ill, your heart –
 [10] (is) (the) utterance of my Lord –
 [1] YHWH –
 [-6] in your, to do all these deeds of a woman, a harlot, brazen!
 [7] in your, to build a mound on (the) head of every road
 [8] and your high-places, you made in every square
 [9-10] and [yet] you were not like a harlot, to mock (at) payment
 [1-2] the woman, the, (she) committing adultery –
 [3] instead of her husband, she receives strangers!

[4] to all harlots, they **give** a gift
 [5-6] but **you** – **you gave** your gifts to all,
 [7] (those) **loving** you
 [8] and you **bribed** them
 [9] **to come** to you from all-around, in your harlotries
 [10] and (there) **was** with you, (the) **reverse** [*opposite*] from the women, in your harlotries!

[1] and **after** you, none **solicited** (you) **to play-the-harlot**
 [2] and in your, **to give** payment –
 [3] and payment **was not given** to you –
 [4-5] and **you became**, to (the) **reverse** [*opposite*]!
 [1-2] to thus, [*O*] **harlot** – (you) **hear** (the) word of YHWH:

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[2-3] thus **says** my **Lord, YHWH**
 [3] because of, (there) **to be poured out**, your lust
 [4] and (there) **was uncovered**, your nakedness, in your harlotries
 [5-6] upon (those) **loving** you and upon **all** (the) idols of your abominations
 [7] and as (the) blood of your sons, which you **gave** to them
 [4] to thus, behold, I (**am**) **gathering** all
 [8] (those) **loving** you
 [9] which, you **took pleasure** over them
 [10] and all whom you **loved** –
 [1] upon all whom you **hated** –
 [5] and I **will gather** them upon you from all-around
 [6] and I **will uncover** your nakedness to them
 [2] and they **will see** all your nakedness
 [7] and I **will judge** you –
 [3] (the) judgments of (those women) **committing adultery**
 [4] and **pouring out** blood
 [8-9] and I **will give** you (the) blood of **wrath** and of **jealousy**
 [10] and I **will give** you into their hand
 [5] and they **will destroy** your mound
 [6] and they **will break down** your high places
 [7] and they **will strip** you (of) your garments
 [8] and they **will take** (the) jewels of your beauty
 [9-10] and they **will leave** you **naked** and **bare**

- [1] and they will bring up upon you an assembly
 [2] and they will stone you with stone [stones]
 [3] and they will cut you to pieces with their swords
 [4] and they will burn your houses with fire
 [5-6] and they will execute against you, judgments before (the) eyes (two) of women,
 [7] many
- [1] and I will make you cease
 [8] from (being) a harlot
 [9] and also a payment, you will not give again
- [2] and I will satisfy My wrath against you
 [3] and (there) will turn aside, My jealousy, from you
 [4] and I will be calm
 [5] and I will not be angry again
 [10] because of which, you have not remembered (the) days of your youths –
- [1] and you enraged Me with all these (things) –
- [6] and also I – behold! –
- [7-8] your way, on (the) head, I will give – (is) (the) utterance of my Lord, YHWH
 [2] and have you not committed the wickedness, upon all your abominations?
 [3-5] behold, every the, (he) using-as-proverbs over you, will use-as-proverb, saying
- [1-2] as (is) her mother, [so] (is) her daughter ←
 [3] (the) daughter of your mother, you (are)
 [4-5] (she) loathing her husband and her sons
 [6] and (the) sister of your sisters, you (are)
 [7-8] which, they loathed their husbands and their sons
 [9] your mother (was) a Hittite
 [10] and your father (was) an Amorite
- [1-2] and your sister, the great, (is) Samaria
 [3-4] she and her daughters (are) the, (those) dwelling upon your left [north]
 [5-6] and your sister, the little from you –
 [7-8] the, (she) dwelling from your right-hand [south], (is) Sodom and her daughters
 [9] and not [only] in their ways, have you walked
 [10] and in their abominations, have you done –
- [1-2] as (it were) a little, very –
 [3] and you have corrupted (more) than them in all your ways
- [9-10] alive (am) I [as I live] – (is) (the) utterance of my Lord, YHWH
- [4-5] (there) has not done, Sodom, your sister –
 [6-7] she and her daughters –
 [8] as which, you have done –
 [9-10] you and your daughters

70 elements

For the possibility of 70-fold literary measures as a local structuring device in connection with “proverb” and “riddle,” see comments, Ezek. 17:12, below.

[1-2] behold this **was** (the) iniquity of **Sodom**, your **sister**:
 [3-5] **pride**, **abundance** of bread, and **prosperity** of, **to be tranquil** – **was** to her
 [6] and to her **daughters**
 [7-8] and (the) hand of (the) **poor** and (the) **needy**, she **did not strengthen**
 [9-10] they **were haughty** and **did** abomination before Me

[1] and I **turned** them **away** *[removed them]*

[2] as which, I **saw**

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[1]* and Samaria – like, **half** of your sins – **did not** *[even]* **sin**!
 [2] and you **made many**, your abominations, (more) than they
 [3-4] and you **made appear righteous**, your sister, from all your abominations
 which you **did**
 [5-6] also **you** – (you) **bear** your disgrace
 [7] which, you **intervened** for your sister with your sins
 [8] which, you **made abhorrent**, (more) than they
 [9] they **were right**, (more) than you
 [10] and also **you** –

[1-2] (you) **be ashamed**, and (you) **bear your disgrace**

[3] in your, **to make appear righteous**, your sisters

[3] and I **will turn back** *[restore]* their **captivity** –

[4-5] (the) captivity of **Sodom** and her **daughters**

[6-7] and (the) captivity of **Samaria** and her **daughters**

[8] and I **will turn back** *[restore]* your captivity in your midst

[4] in order that you **may bear** your disgrace

[5-6] and you **may be ashamed** from all which you **have done**

[7] in your, **to comfort** them

[8-10] and your **sisters** – **Sodom** and her **daughters** – **will turn back** *[return]* to
 their **former-state**

[1-2] and **Samaria** and her **daughters** **will turn back** *[return]* to their **former-state**

[3-4] and **you** and your **daughters** **will turn back** *[return]* to your **former-state**

[5-7] and **did** (there) **not become**, **Sodom**, your **sister**, to a **byword** in your mouth in
 (the) **day** of your prides,

[8] in, before (there) **was uncovered**, your wickedness like (the) **time** of (the)
 reproach of (the) daughters of Aram *[Syria]*,

[9] and all, (there **being**) all-around her, (the) daughters of (the) Philistines –

[10] the, (those) **roving about** you from all-around?

70 elements

“and Samaria – like, half of your sins – did not *[even]* sin! | This line is modeled below the midpoint of the 70-element stature of sin/captivity. This modeling may correspond with the given measure: that Samaria’s sins were less than “half” of the southern kingdom’s.

[1-2] your wickedness and your abominations, you –
 [3] you will bear them! –
 [9] (is) (the) utterance of YHWH
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 [10] because thus says my Lord,
 [1] YHWH
 [2] and I will deal (with) you
 [4] as which, you have done
 [5-6] which, you have despised (the) oath, to break covenant
 [3-4] and I will remember – I – My covenant with you in (the) days of your youth
 [5] and I will establish to you, a covenant of everlasting
 [7] and you will remember your ways
 [8-9] and you will be ashamed in your, to take your sisters – the greater than you to
 the smaller [little] than you
 [6-7] and I will give them to you, for daughters
 [10] and (it will) not (be) [apart] from your covenant
 [8-9] and I will establish – I – My covenant with you
 [1] and you will know
 [10] that I am YHWH!
 [2-3] in order that you may remember and be ashamed
 [4] and (there) may not be to you again, an opening of (the) mouth from before
 [on account of] your disgrace
 [1] in My, to atone for you
 [5] for all which you have done
 [2-3] (is) (the) utterance of my Lord, YHWH 16:63
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 [1] and (there) was, (the) word of YHWH to me, saying 17:1
 [2-3] son of man, (you) propound a riddle
 [4] and (you) use-as-proverb, a proverb to (the) house of Israel
 [5] and you shall say
 [4-5] thus says my Lord, YHWH
 [1-2] (there was) the eagle, the great
 [3-4] (it being) great of the wings (two)
 [5] (being) long of the pinion
 [6] (being) full of the plumage
 [7] which, to it (is) the variegated-color –
 [8] he came to Lebanon
 [9] and he took (the) top of the cedar
 [10] (the) head of its twigs, he plucked

70 elements

[1] and he brought it to (the) land of Canaan
 [2] into (the) city of (those) trading,
 [3] he placed it
 [4] and he took from (the) seed of the land
 [5] and he gave [planted] it in (the) field of seed,
 [6-7] a meadow upon waters, many
 [8-9] a willow, he placed it
 [10] and it sprouted

[1-2] and it became to a vine, sprawling
 [3] (being) low of height
 [4] (there) to turn, its branches, toward him
 [5] and its roots, underneath it, were
 [6-7] and it became, to a vine
 [8-9] and it produced limbs and sent out branches
 [10] and there was an eagle, one –

[1] great,
 [2-3] (being) great of wings (two)
 [4] and (being) abundant of plumage
 [5-6] and behold, the vine, the this, bent her roots upon him
 [7] and its [her] branches, she sent out to him
 [8] for [him] to make drink, her, from (the) garden-beds of her planting-place
 [9-10] to a field, good –
 [1-2] to waters, many, she (was) being planted, to produce a branch
 [3] and to carry fruit
 [4] to become, to a vine of nobility

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[1] say
 [1-2] thus says my Lord, YHWH
 [5] will she prosper?
 [1] will (there) not, her roots, he tear up?
 [2] and her fruit, he cut off?
 [3-4] and it wither – every freshly-plucked of her sprout, wither?
 [5-8] and not, with an arm, great, and with a people, many, to lift her from
 her roots?
 [9-10] and behold, being planted – will she prosper?
 [1-2] will (there) not – as (there), to touch her, a wind of the east [former times] –
 she wither?
 [3-4] to wither – upon (the) garden-beds of her planting-place, she wither?

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[2] and behold, (the) word of YHWH (was) to me, saying

[3] say now to the house of rebellion

[5] do you not know

[6]* what these (things) (are)?

[4] say

[7] behold, (there) came, (the) king of Babylon, to Jerusalem

[8-9] and he took her king and her princes

[10] and He brought them to him to him, to Babylon

[1] and he took from (the) seed of the kingdom

[2] and he cut, with him, a covenant

[3] and he brought him into an oath

[4] and (the) rams [leaders] of the land, he had taken

[5-6] to become, a kingdom, humble

[7-8] lest (there), to lift itself up [reflexive]

[9-10] to keep his covenant, to make it stand

[1-2] and he rebelled against him, to send his messengers to Egypt

[3-5] to give to him horses and a people, many

[1] will he prosper?

[2-3] will (there) escape, the, (he) doing these (things)?

[4-5] and (can) he break covenant and escape?

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[3-4] alive (am) I [as I live] – (is) (the) utterance of my Lord, YHWH

[1-2] surely in (the) place of the king, the, (he) making him king

[3] which, he despised his oath

[4] and which, he broke his covenant with him

[5] in (the) midst of Babylon, he shall die!

[1-2] and not with an army, great –

[3-4] and with an assembly, many, will (there) help him, Pharaoh, in war

[5] in (there) to pour out [cast up] a mound

[6] and in (there), to build a siege-wall

[7-8] to cut off souls, many

[9-10] and he despised (the) oath, to break covenant

[1] and behold, he gave his hand

[2] and all these (things), he did

[3] and he will not escape!

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70 elements

70 elements

“what these (things) (are)?” | As the riddle/proverb reaches its completion, the prophesy pivots to the Babylonian captivity. The 70-fold measure may be intended to correspond with the period of judgment that is commencing.

A 70-fold reflection may also exist in this passage, focusing forward to the end of the adversity, to the eschatological King whom God will raise up as a tender branch.

[5-6] to this, thus **says** my **Lord, YHWH** –
 [7] alive (**am**) I [*as I live*] –
 [8] surely (it **was**) My oath
 [4] which he **despised**
 [9] and (it **was**) My covenant
 [5] which he **broke**
[10] and I **will put** it on his head
 [1] and I **will spread out** over him, my net
 [6] and he **will be taken** in My snare
 [2] and I **will bring** him to Babylon
 [3] and I **will enter-into-judgment** with him there,
 [7] his treacherous-deed which he **acted-unfaithfully** [*committed*] against Me
 [8] and all his fugitives, with all his hordes, by (the) sword, **will fall**
 [9-10] and the, (those) **remaining** – to every wind, **will be scattered**
 [1] and you **will know**
 [4] that I (**am**) YHWH
 [5] I **have spoken**!
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 [1-2] thus **says** my **Lord, YHWH**
 [3-4] and I **will take** – I – from (the) top of the cedar –
 [2] the, (it) **being high** –
 [5]* and I **will give**, from (the) head of his branches, a **tender** (one) ←
 [6] I **will pluck** (it)
 [7-8] and I **will plant** (it) – I – upon a mountain,
 [9-10] **high**, and **lofty**
 [1] on (the) mountain of (the) height of Israel, I **will plant** it
 [3-4] and it **will lift** a branch and **produce** fruit
 [5-7] and **it will become**, to a **cedar**, **noble**
 [8] and (there) **will dwell** under it, every bird
 [9] every wing, in (the) shade of its branches, **will abide**
 [10] and they **will know**, every tree of the forest
 [2] that I (**am**) YHWH
 [3-4] I **bring low** (the) **tree**, **high**
 [5-6] I **make high** (the) **tree**, **low**
 [7-8] I **dry up** (the) **tree**, **moist**
 [9-10] and I **make sprout**, (the) **tree**, **dry**
 [1] I (**am**) YHWH
 [2-3] I **have spoken**, and I **will do** (it)!
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1000-fold Stature

70 elements

6 elem.

6 elem.

17:24

“a tender (one)” | A thousandfold literary stature may connect this line with God’s providing a “sanctuary, little” among the nations of the dispersion (11:16, see comments there). Here, the promise is of the Messianic King, whom God will plant as a cedar upon the height of Israel.

----- [5] and (there) **was**, (the) word of YHWH to me, **saying** ----- 18:1

[1] what (**is** it) to you [*plural*] –

[2-3] you (**are**) **using-as-proverb**, the **proverb**, the **this**, upon
[concerning] (the) land of Israel, **saying**

4 elem.

↖ [4] “(the) fathers **ate** (the) sour-grape

↖ [5-6] and (the) teeth (**two**) of (the) sons **are blunt**” -----

[4-5] alive (**am**) I [*as I live*] – (**is**) (the) utterance of my **Lord, YHWH**

4 elem.

[7-8] (there) **will not be** to you, again, **to use-as-proverb**, the **proverb**,
the **this**, in Israel!

[9-10] behold, all the **souls** – to Me, **they are**

[1-2] as (the) **soul** of the father, and as (the) **soul** of the son – to Me, they (**are**)

[3-4] the **soul**, the, (**it**) **sinning** –

[5] **it will die!**

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[1-2] and a **man** – when **he is** righteous

[3-4] and (he) **does judgment** and **righteousness**

[5] toward [*upon*] the mountains, he **does not eat** ← (1x)

↖ [1-2] and his eyes (**two**), he **did not lift up** to (the) idols of (the) house of Israel

[3] and (the) wife of his neighbor, he **did not defile**

[4-5] and toward a **woman, menstrual**, he **did not approach**

[6] and a man, he **did not oppress**

[7] his pledge of debt, he **turned back** [*returned*]

[8] plunder, he **did not rob**

[9] his bread, to (the) hungry, he **gave**

[10] and (the) naked, he **covered** (with) a garment

[1] with interest, he **did not give** [*lend*]

[2] and usury, he **did not take**

[3] from iniquity, he **turned back** his hand

[4] judgment of truth, he **did** between a man, to a man

[5] in My statutes, he **walked**

[6-7] and My judgments, he **kept, to do** truth

[8] righteous (**is**) he

[9-10] **to live**, he **shall live**

[1-2] (**is**) (the) utterance of my **Lord, YHWH**

[1-2] and he **fathers** a **son, violent**

[3] **pouring out** blood

[4] and he **made** a brother from one from these

70 elements

With another instance of “proverb,” it appears Ezekiel again uses the programmatic measure of 70-fold to frame the local context. The measure may contrast the conduct of the fathers (eating sour grapes) with the conduct of their righteous sons (not eating upon the mountains of idolatry). Whereas the proverb focuses on the “teeth (two)” of these sons, Ezekiel’s prophesy focuses on the two-fold faithfulness of these sons: the measure reaches to the second instance of “he does not eat.” The measure is also complemented by what *is* being done with literary dual effect in the lives of these sons: “and his eyes (two), he did not lift up toward (the) idols of (the) house of Israel.” (See page below.) The 70-fold measure then reflects forward to the placement of the verb “to be measured” at 18:25. See further comments there.

[5-6] and [yet] he – all these, he did not do
 [7] because also, toward [upon] the mountains, he ate
 [8] and (the) wife of his neighbor, he defiled
 [9-10] (the) poor and needy, he oppressed

[1] plunder, he robbed
 [2] (the) pledge, he did not turn back [return]
 [3-4] and to the idols, he lifted up his eyes (two)
 [5] an abomination, he did

[1] with interest, he gave [lent]
 [2] and usury, he took
 [3] and shall he live?
 [4] he shall not live!
 [5-6] all the abominations, the these, he did
 [7-8] to die, he shall die
 [9] his blood, on him, will be
 [10] and behold, he fathered a son –

[1] and he saw all the sins of his father
 [2] which he had done
 [3-4] and he saw – and he did not do, according to them
 [5] upon the mountains, he did not eat

[1-2] and his eyes (two), he did not lift up toward (the) idols of (the) house of Israel
 [3] (the) wife of his neighbor, he did not defile
 [4] and a man, he did not oppress
 [5] a pledge, he did not take-in-pledge
 [6] and plunder, he did not rob
 [7] his bread, to (the) hungry, he gave
 [8] and (the) naked, he covered (with) a garment
 [9] from (the) poor, he turned back his hand
 [10] interest –

[1] and usury, he did not take
 [2] My judgment, he did
 [3] in My statutes, he walked
 [4] he will not die for (the) iniquity of his father
 [5-6] to live, he will live!
 [7-8] his father – because he practiced oppression
 [9] robbed (the) plunder of a brother
 [10] and what (is) not good –

[1] he did in (the) midst of My people
 [2] and behold, he shall die in his iniquity

70 elements

(2x)

70 elements

[3] and [yet] you say
 [4] why **should** (there) **not bear** [suffer], the son, for (the) iniquity of the father?
 [5] and the **son** –
 [6-7] **judgment** and **righteousness**, he **did**
 [8] all My statutes, he **kept**
 [9] and he **did** them
 [10] **to live** –
 [1] he **shall live**!
 [2-3] the **soul**, the, (it) **sinning** –
 [4] **it will die**!
 [5] (the) son **will not bear** [suffer] for (the) iniquity of the father
 [6] and (the) father **will not bear** [suffer] for (the) iniquity of the son
 [7] (the) righteousness of the righteous, upon him, **will be**
 [8] and (the) wickedness of (the) wicked, upon him, **will be**

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[9-10] and the **wicked**, when he **turns** from all his sins –
 [1] which he **has done** –
 [2] and he **keeps** all My statutes
 [3-4] and he **does judgment** and **righteousness**
 [5-6] **to live**, he **shall live**!
 [7] he **shall not die**
 [8-9] all his transgressions which he **has done**, **will not be remembered** against him
 [10] in his righteousness which he **has done** –
 [1] he **shall live**
 [3-4] **to delight**, **shall I delight** (in) (the) death of (the) wicked? –
 [5-6] (is) (the) utterance of my **Lord, YHWH**
 [2-3] and (is it) **not** in his, **to turn back** from his way
 [4] and he **live**?

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[5] and in (there), **to turn back**, (the) righteous from his righteousness –
 [1] and he **does** iniquity
 [2-3] according to all the abominations which (there) **has done**, the wicked –
 he **does**
 [4] and **shall** he **live**?
 [5-6] all his righteousness which he **has done**, **will not be remembered** in his
 treachery
 [7] which, he **acted unfaithfully**
 [8] and in his sins, which he **sinned**
 [9] in them, he **shall die**!

70 elements

[10] and [yet] you say

[7] “(there) (is) not measured [right], (the) way of my Lord”

[1-2] (you) hear now, [O] house of Israel

[8] is My way not measured [right]?

[3] are not your ways, not measured [right]?

[4] in (there), to turn back, (the) righteous, from his righteousness

[5] and he does iniquity –

[6] and he will die upon them [on account of it]

[7-8] in his iniquity which he has done, he will die

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[9-10] and in (there), to turn back, (the) wicked, from his wickedness which he has done –

[1-2] and he does judgment and righteousness

[3-4] he, his soul, will keep alive

[5] and he saw, and he turned back from all his transgressions

[6] which he had done

[7-8] to live, he will live!

[9] he will not die

[10] and (there) say, (the) house of Israel

[9] “(there) (is) not measured [right], (the) way of my Lord”

[10] are My ways not measured [right], [O] house of Israel?

[1] are not your ways, not measured [right]?

[1-2] to thus – a man, according to his ways – I will judge you, [O] house of Israel – (is) (the) utterance of my Lord,

[3] YHWH

[2-3] repent and turn back from all your transgressions

[4-5] and let (there) not become for you – to a stumbling-block – iniquity

[6] cast away from upon you, all your transgressions

[7] which, you have transgressed in them

[8-10]* and (you) make for yourselves a heart, new

[1-2] and a spirit, new

[3-4] and for what, will you die, [O] house of Israel?

[4-] for I do not delight in (the) death of the –

[5] (him) dying –

[-5] (is) (the) utterance of my Lord, YHWH

[1-2] and [so] turn back, and live!

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70 elem.

45 elements (measure of faith)

18:32

The reflected 70-fold measure reaches to the place where Israel denies the accuracy of God’s measure. For His part, God affirms the accuracy of His measure. By literary design – as He speaks of the justice of His ways, it appears God also establishes the reach of the 70-fold measure here.

This accuracy having been established, what follows is a 45-fold measure reaching to the end of the passage. The 45-fold measure is the measure for faith. See comments, Ezek. 4. See also, Daniel 10-12 (and macrostructure), Esther 9, Hebrews 11, and Revelation (macrostructure). Here in Ezek. 18, the measure results in an outcome of life for the covenant community.

“and (you) make for yourselves a heart, new” | This line is counted as three elements. The phrase “heart, new” is counted as two elements due to the adjective following the verb. The subject of the sentence (“you”) is becoming something new here: a new person. In this sense of *becoming*, the subject and object are each counted. Thus, the count increases from two to three elements.

[1-2] and you – (you) lift up a lamentation for (the) princes of Israel 19:1
 [3] and you shall say
 [3] what (was) your mother?
 [4] (she was) a lioness!
 [5] between (the) lions, she lay down
 [6] in (the) midst of (the) young-lions, she made great [reared], her cubs
 [7] and she brought up one from her cubs
 [8-9] a young-lion, he became
 [10] and he learned –
 [1] to tear prey
 [2] mankind, he devoured
 [3] and (there) heard toward [concerning] him, nations
 [4] with their pit, they seized (him)
 [5] and they brought him with hooks to (the) land of Egypt
 [1-2] and she saw, that she had waited
 [3] (there) had perished, her hope
 [4] and she took one from her cubs
 [5-6] a young-lion, she made him
 [7] and he walked-about in (the) midst of (the) lions
 [8-9] a young-lion, he became
 [10] and he learned –
 [1] to tear prey
 [2] mankind, he devoured
 [3] and he knew, his [their] widows
 [4] and their cities, he laid waste
 [5-6] and (there) was desolate, (the) land and her fullness, from (the) voice of
 his roar
 [7] and (there) set upon him, (the) nations all-around, from provinces
 [8] and they spread out over him, their net
 [9] in their pit, he was seized
 [10] and they placed him in a cage, with hooks
 [1] and they brought him to (the) king of Babylon
 [2] they brought him into (the) strongholds
 [3] in order that (there) would not be heard, his voice, again, toward (the)
 mountains of Israel

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32 elements

32 elements

The lamentation that arises from this line may have a 32-fold mirrored layout, anticipating the age stature that arises at the beginning of the next chapter. This is Ezekiel's age in the forthcoming context. Such a layout may be cued by the doubled emphasis upon Ezekiel on this line: "and you – (you) lift up a lamentation..."

The reflection point is the turning point, as the Babylonian captivity commences. Another reflection point occurs at the end of this chapter, segueing into the age stature at the opening of chapter 20.

[4] your mother (was) like a vine with your blood
 [5] upon waters, being planted
 [6] bearing fruit
 [7-8] and full-of-branches, she became, from waters,
 [9] many
 [10] and (there) were, to her, branches [tribes] of strength –
 [1] for scepters of (those), ruling
 [2] and (there) was exalted, her height, over, between (the) clouds
 [3] and she was seen in her height with (the) abundance of her branches
 [4-5] and she was uprooted in wrath; to (the) earth, she was thrown down
 [6] and a wind of the east [ancient times] dried up her fruit
 [7-8] they were broken off, and they withered
 [9-10] (the) branch [tribe] of her strength – fire devoured it!
 [1] and now (she is) being planted in a wilderness –
 [2-3] in a land of drought and thirst
 [4] and (there) went out, fire, from (the) branch [tribe] of her shoot
 [5] her fruit, it devoured
 [6] and (there) was not, in her, a branch [tribe] of strength,
 [7] a scepter, to rule
 [8] a lamentation, it is!
 [9-10] and it became, to a lamentation

19:14

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[1-2] and it happened in (the) year, the seventh
 [3-4] in (the) fifth [month], in (the) tenth [day] to (the) month, (there) came
 men from (the) elders of Israel, to seek YHWH
 [5] and they sat before me

20:1

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[4] and (there) was, (the) word of YHWH to me, saying
 [5-6] son of man, (you) speak to (the) elders of Israel
 [7] and you shall say to them
 [1-2] thus says my Lord, YHWH
 [1-2] to seek Me, are you coming?
 [3] alive (am) I [as I live] –
 [4-5] I will not be inquired of by you! – (is) (the) utterance of my Lord, YHWH
 [8] will you judge them?
 [9-10] will you judge, son of man?

32 elements

[1] (the) abominations of their fathers, **make known** to them

[2] and you **shall say** to them

[1-2] thus **says** my **Lord, YHWH**

[3] in (the) **day** of My, **to choose**, with Israel

[4] and I **lifted** My hand [*swore*] to (the) seed of (the) house of Jacob

[5-6] and I **made Myself known** [*reflexive*] to them in (the) land of Egypt

[7-8] and I **lifted** My hand [*swore*] to them, **saying**

[9-10] I (**am**) **YHWH**, your **God!**

[1-2] in (the) **day**, the **that**, I **lifted** My hand [*swore*] to them, **to bring** them **out** from (the) land of Egypt

[3] to (the) land which I **had sought out** for them:

[3-4] **flowing** with **milk** and **honey**

[5] a beauty (**is**) she, to all the lands

[4] and I **said** to them

[1-2] a man, (the) detestable-things of his eyes (**two**) – (you all) **cast away!**

[3-4] and with (the) idols of Egypt, **let you not defile yourselves** [*reflexive*]!

[5-6] I (**am**) **YHWH**, your **God!**

[5] and [*but*] they **rebelled** against Me

[6-7] and they **were not willing, to listen** to Me

[8-9] a man, (the) detestable-things of their eyes (**two**), they **did not cast away**

[10] and (the) idols of Egypt, they **did not forsake**

[7-8] and I **said, to pour out** My wrath upon them,

[9] **to complete** My anger against them in (the) midst of (the) land of Egypt

[10] and I **acted** for the sake of My name –

[1-2] lest (there), **to be profaned** before (the) eyes (**two**) of the nations

[1] which, they (**were**) in their midst

[3-4] which, I **made Myself known** [*reflexive*] toward them,

[5-6] before their eyes (**two**), **to bring** them **out** from (the) land of Egypt

[7] and I **brought** them **out** from (the) land of Egypt

[8] and I **brought** them to the wilderness

[9] and I **gave** to them My statutes

[10] and My judgments, I **made known** to them

[2-3] which, (if) (there) **does** them, the man – and he **will live** by them

[1] and also, My sabbaths, I **gave** to them, **to be** for a **sign** between **Me** ←

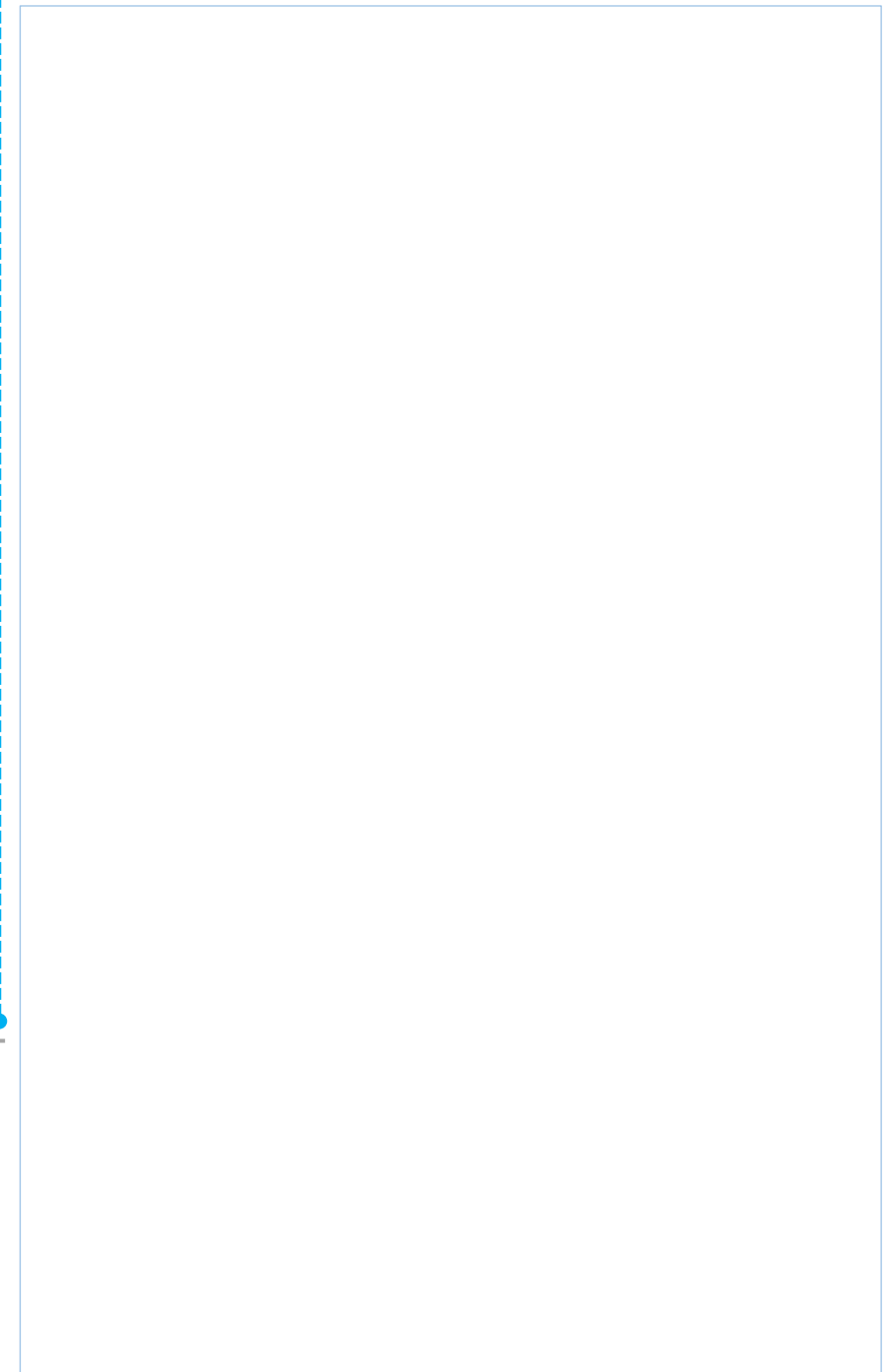
[2] and between **them** –

[4] **to know** –

[3-4] that I (**am**) **YHWH**, **sanctifying** them

[5] and [but] (there) rebelled against me, (the) house of Israel, in (the) wilderness
 [6] in My statutes, they did not walk
 [7] and My judgments, they rejected
 [8-9] which (if) (there) does them, the man – and he will live by them
 [10] and My sabbaths, they profaned –
 [1] greatly!
 [5-6] and I said, to pour out My wrath upon them in (the) wilderness,
 [7] to bring them to an end
 [8] and I acted for the sake of My name
 [9-10] lest (there), to be profaned before (the) eyes (two) of the nations
 [1-2] which, I brought them out before their eyes (two)
 [3-4] and also I – I lifted My hand [swore] to them in (the) wilderness, lest (there),
 to bring them to the land
 [5] which I had given –
 [2-3] flowing with milk and honey
 [4] a beauty (is) she to all the lands
 [5] because against My judgments, they rejected
 [6-7] and My statutes – they did not walk in them
 [8] and My sabbaths, they profaned
 [9] because after their idols, their heart (was) going
 [6-7] and (there) pitied, My eye, upon them – from, to destroy them
 [8-9] and I did not make them, a complete-destruction in (the) wilderness
 [10] and I said to their sons in (the) wilderness
 [10] in (the) statutes of your fathers, let you not walk
 [1] and their judgments, let you not keep
 [2-3] and with their idols, let you not defile yourself [reflexive]
 [1-2] I (am) YHWH, your God!
 [4] in My statutes, walk!
 [5-6] and My judgments, keep, and do them!
 [7] and My sabbaths, keep holy
 [8] and they will be, for a sign between Me
 [9] and between you
 [10] to know –
 [3-4] that I (am) YHWH, your God

45 elements (measure of faith)



[1] and [but] (there) **rebelled** against Me, the sons
 [2] in My statutes, they **did not walk**
 [3-4] and My judgments, they **did not keep, to do** them
 [5-6] which, (if) (there) **does** them, the man – and he **will live** by them
 [7] My sabbaths, they **profaned**

[5] and I **said** –

[1] **to pour out** My wrath upon them
 [2] **to complete** My anger against them in (the) wilderness
 [3] and I **turned back** My hand
 [4] and I **acted** for the sake of My name
 [5-6] lest (there), **to be profaned** before (the) eyes (**two**) of the nations
 [7-8] which, I **brought** them **out** before their eyes (**two**)
 [9-10] also I – I **lifted** My hand to them in (the) wilderness, **to scatter** them among nations

[1] and **to disperse** them among lands
 [8] because my judgments, they **did not do**
 [9] and My statutes, they **rejected**
 [10] and My sabbaths, they **profaned**
 [1-2] and after (the) idols of their fathers, **were** their eyes (**two**)
 [2-3] and also I – I **gave** to them statutes,
 [4] **not (being)** good
 [5] and **judgments** –
 [3] they **could not live** in them
 [6] and I **defiled** them with their gifts –
 [4] in (there), **to make pass through [fire]**, every first-born of (the) womb
 [7] in order that I **might devastate** them
 [5] in order that, which, they **might know**
 [8] which, I (**am**) YHWH!

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[3-4] to this, (**you**) **speak** to (the) house of Israel, [**O**] **son** of man
 [5] and you **shall say** to them

[9-10] thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH

[1] again, this, (there) **have blasphemed** Me, your fathers:
 [2] in their, **to act-unfaithfully [to commit]** against Me, an unfaithful-act
 [1] and I **brought** them to the land
 [2-3] which I **had lifted** My hand, **to give** her to them

[3-4] and they saw every hill, being high
 [5-6] and every tree, leafy
 [7] and they offered there, their sacrifices
 [8] and they gave there, (the) provocation of their wood-offerings
 [9] and they placed there, (the) aroma of their tranquilities
 [10] and they poured out there, their libations

[4] and I said to them

[1] what (is) the high-place
 [2] which you (are) the, (those) going there?
 [3-4] and (there) was called, her name, *Bamah* ["high-place"] as far as the day,
 [5] the this

[1] to this, say to (the) house of Israel

[5-6] thus says my Lord, YHWH

[1] in (the) way of your fathers, are you being defiled?
 [2] and after their detestable-things, are you playing-the-harlot?
 [3] and in (there), to present your gifts
 [4-5] in, to make pass through – your sons – in fire – you (are) defiling yourselves
 [reflexive] to all your idols, as far as the day [today]

[7-8] and shall I be inquired of by you, [O] house of Israel?

[9-10] alive (am) I [as I live] – (is) (the) utterance of my Lord, YHWH –

[1] I will not be inquired of by you!

[1] and the, (it) going up upon your spirit –
 [2-3] to be, it will not be
 [4] which, you (are) saying
 [5-6] we will be like (the) nations, like (the) families of the lands, to serve wood
 [7] and stone

[2-3] alive (am) I [as I live] – (is) (the) utterance of my Lord, YHWH –

[4-5] surely with a hand, mighty

[6] and with an arm, being stretched out

[7-8] and with wrath, being poured out – I will reign over you!

[9] and I will bring you out from the peoples

[-] and I will gather you from the lands –

[8] which, you have been scattered among them –

[-10] with a hand –

[1] mighty

[2] and with an arm, being stretched out

[3] and with wrath, being poured out

[4] and I will bring you to (the) wilderness of the peoples

[5] and I will enter into judgment with them there, faces to faces!

[1] as which, I entered into judgment with your fathers in (the) wilderness of (the) land of Egypt

[2-3] so I will enter into judgment with you – (is) (the) utterance of my Lord, YHWH

[4] and I will make you pass through, under the rod

[5] and I will bring you into (the) bond of the covenant

[6] and I will purge from you –

[9-10] the, (those) rebelling, and the, (those) transgressing against Me

[7] from (the) land of their sojourning-places, I will bring them out

[1] and to (the) land of Israel, he shall not come

[2] and you will know

[8] that I (am) YHWH!

[3-4] and you, [O] house of Israel –

[9-10] thus says my Lord, YHWH

[5-6] a man, his idols – (you) go, (you) serve

[7] and after, if there is not your, listening to Me –

[8-9] and [yet] (the) name of My holiness, you will not profane again with your gifts and with your idols

[10] because on (the) mountain of My holiness –

[-] on (the) mountain of (the) height of Israel –

[1-2] (is) (the) utterance of my Lord, YHWH –

[-1] there, (there) will serve Me, all (the) house of Israel –

[2] all of him, in (the) land

[3] there, I will accept them

[4-5] and there, I will seek your contributions and (the) first of your gifts, with all your sacred-things

[6-7] with (the) aroma of tranquility, I will accept you in My, to bring you out from the peoples

[8] and I will gather you from the lands

[3] which, you have been scattered among them

[9-10] and I will show Myself sacred [reflexive] among you –

[1-2] to (the) eyes (two) of the nations

[4] and you will know

[3-4] that I (am) YHWH, in My, to bring you to (the) land of Israel, to the land which –

[5-6] I lifted My hand, to give her to your fathers

[5-6] and you will remember there, your ways and all your deeds –

[7-8] which, you defiled yourself [reflexive] with them

[9-10] and you will feel loathing in your faces for all your evils which you have done

[1] and you will know
 [7-8] that I (am) YHWH, in My, to deal with you for (the) sake of My name –
 [2-3] not according to your ways, the evil
 [4-5] and according to your deeds, the, (those) being corrupt, [O] house of
 Israel

[9-10] (is) (the) utterance of my Lord, YHWH 20:44

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[2] and (there) was, (the) word of YHWH to me, saying (21:1 Heb.)
 [3-4] son of man, (you) set your faces, (the) way toward
 (the) southland [right-hand]
 [5] and preach toward (the) south
 [6-7] and prophesy toward (the) forest of the field, (the) south-country
 [8] and you shall say to (the) forest of the south-country

[1] hear (the) word of YHWH
 [1-2] thus says my Lord, YHWH
 [3] behold, I (am) kindling among you, a fire
 [2-3] and she will devour among you, every tree, moist
 [4-5] and every tree, dry
 [6-7] (there) will not be quenched, (the) flame of flame
 [8] and (there) will be scorched in her, all faces from south-country toward (the) north
 [9] and (there) will see, all flesh
 [4] that I (am) YHWH
 [5] I have kindled her

[10] she will not be quenched!

[9] and I said

[1-2] ah, my Lord, YHWH – they (are) saying to me

[10] is (there) not using-as-proverb, proverbs, he? 20:49

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[1] and (there) was, (the) word of YHWH to me, saying 21:1 (21:6 Heb.)
 [2-3] son of man, (you) set your faces toward Jerusalem
 [4] and preach against (the) sanctuaries
 [5] and prophesy against (the) land of Israel
 [6] and you shall say to (the) land of Israel

[1] thus says YHWH
 [2] behold, I (am) against you
 [3] and I will bring out My sword from her sheath
 [4-5] and I will cut off from you (the) righteous and (the) wicked!

70 elements

As observed in chapters 17 and 18, a 70-fold measure of judgment may be modeled in the passage that follows here, in connection with the placement of “proverbs” on this line.

[1-2] because of which, I will cut off from you (the) righteous and (the) wicked –
 [3] to thus, (there) will go out, My sword, from her sheath to all flesh –
 [4] from (the) south-country (to) north –

[3] and (there) will know, all flesh

[5] that I (am) YHWH

[6] I have brought out My sword from her sheath

[7] she will not return again

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[7-8] and you, son of man –

[9-10] (you) groan with brokenness of loins (two)

[1-2] and with bitterness, you shall groan before their eyes (two)

[4] and it will be –

[5] when they say to you

[3] upon what, are you groaning?

[4] and you shall say

[1] (it is) toward (the) report

[2] that (is) coming

[3] and (there) will melt, every heart

[4-5] and (there) will drop, all hands (two)

[6] and (there) will be dim, every spirit

[7-8] and all knees (two) will go (as) water

[9] behold, (it is) coming

[10] and it will be fulfilled!

[8-9] (is) (the) utterance of my Lord, YHWH

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[5] and (there) was, (the) word of YHWH to me, saying

[1-2] son of man, (you) prophesy

[3] and you shall say

[10] thus says my Lord

[4] say

[1-2] a sword, a sword has been sharpened!

[3] and also, she (is) being polished

[4] in order to slaughter a slaughter

[5] she has been sharpened

[6-7] in order that (there) become, to her, lighting –

[8] she has been polished!

[9] or shall we rejoice?

[10] (the) rod of My son, (there) (is) rejecting, every tree

[1-2] and He **will give** her, **to polish**
 [3] **to seize** with a hand
 [4] she **has been sharpened** (as) a sword
 [5-6] and she **has been polished**, **to give** her into (the) hand
 [7] of (him) **slaying**
 [5-7] (you) **cry out**, and (you) **wail**, [O] **son** of man!
 [8] because she **will be** against My people
 [9] she (**will be**) against all (the) leaders of Israel
 [10] **being thrown** to (the) sword, they **will be**, with My people!

70 elements

[1] to thus, **slap**, to your thigh
 [2] for (it **is**) a test
 [3] and what (**will it be**) –
 [4] if also (the) rod, (she **is**) **rejecting**?
 [5] it **will not be**!

[1-2] (**is**) (the) utterance of my **Lord**, YHWH

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[8-9] and **you**, **son** of man –
 [10] (you) **prophesy**

[1-2] and **clap hand to hand**

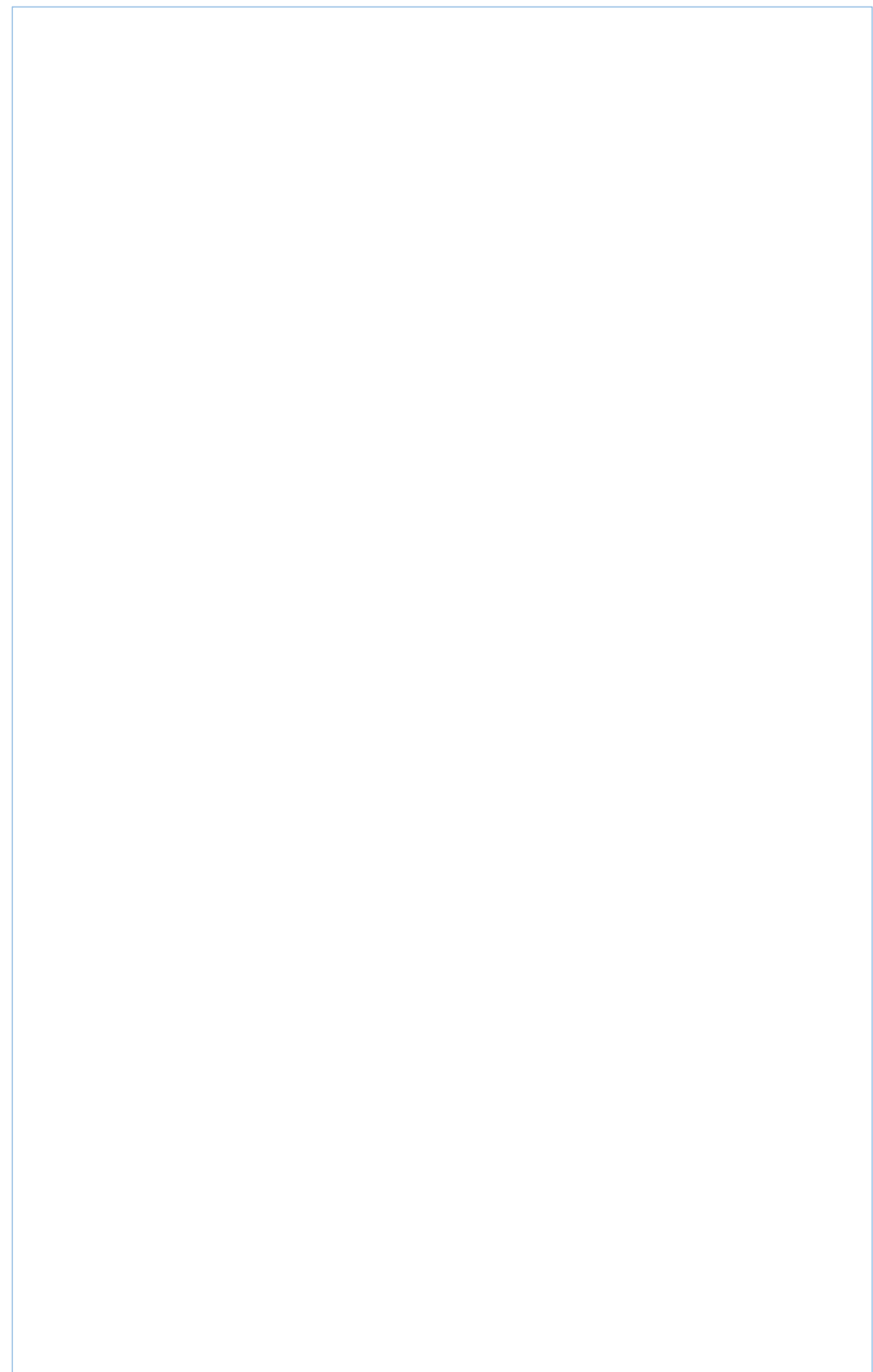
[1-2] and **let** (there) **be doubled**, (the) sword –
 [3] her **third** [occasion], (the) sword for (the) slain
 [4-5] she (**is**) a sword for (the) **slaughter**, the **great** – the, (she) **surrounding** to them
 [6] in order that, **to melt** (the) heart
 [7] and many (**are**) the stumbling-blocks
 [3] upon all their gates, I **have given** (the) point of (the) sword
 [8-9] ah, (**she is**) **being made**, to **lightning**
 [10] (**being**) wrapped (?) for slaughter
 [1-2] **cut sharply!** **turn** to the **right**
 [3-4] **set!** **take the left**
 [5] where **are** your faces **being placed**?

32 elements

[4-5] and also I **will clap** My **hand** to My **hand**
 [6] and I **will satisfy** My wrath
 [7] I (**am**) YHWH
 [8] I **have spoken**

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[3] and (there) **was**, (the) word of YHWH to me, **saying**
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 [4-5] and **you**, **son** of man –
 [1-2] (you) **set** to you **two** ways –
 [1] (there) **to come**, (the) sword of (the) king of Babylon, from a **land**, **one**
 [2-3] (there) **go out**, (the) **two** of them
 [4] and a hand, **to cut** –
 [5] at (the) head of (the) way of (the) city, **to cut**
 [3] a way, you **shall set**:
 [1-2] (there) **to enter** – (the) sword – **Rabbah**, (the) **sons** of Ammon
 [3-4] and Judah, in **Jerusalem**, **fortified**
 [5] for (there) **will stand**, (the) king of Babylon, toward (the) mother *[parting]*
 of the way:
 [1-2] at (the) **head** of **two** of the ways, **to practice** divination, he **will shake**
 with (the) arrows
 [3] he **will ask** with (the) idols
 [4] he **will see** with (the) liver –
 [5] in his right-**hand** *[south]* **is** (the) divination for Jerusalem!
 [1] **to place** battering-rams
 [2] **to open** (the) mouth with slaughter
 [3] **to raise** a voice with a shout
 [4] **to set** battering-rams upon (the) gates
 [5] **to pour out** mounds
 [6] **to build** a siege-wall
 [7-8] and it **will be** to them, like, **to practice-divination** of falsehood in their
 eyes (**two**), **swearing** oaths to them
 [9-10] and he (**is**) **bringing to remembrance**, iniquity, **to be seized**
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 [9-10] to this, thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH
 [1] because of your, **to bring to remembrance**, your iniquity
 [2] in (there), **to be uncovered**, your transgressions
 [3] (there) **to be seen**, your sins, in all your deeds
 [4] because of your, **to be remembered** –
 [5] in (the) **hand**, you **will be seized**!
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 [1-3] and **you** – *[O]* **pierced** (one), *[O]* **wicked** (one) –
 [4] *[O]* **leader** of Israel –
 [5] which, (there) **has come**, his **day**, in (the) **time** of (the) iniquity of (the) end –
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[1-2] thus **says** my **Lord**, **YHWH**
 [1] **turn aside**, the turban
 [2] and **lift off**, the crown
 [3] this (**will**) **not** (**be**) that
 [4] the lowly, **to exalt**
 [5] and the high, **to make low**

[1-2] (it **is**) a **ruin**, a **ruin**!

[3-4] a **ruin**, I **have made her**
 [3] also this **shall not be**
 [4] as far as, (there) **to come**, which –
 [5] to him (**is**) the judgment

[5] and I **will give** (it) (to) him

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[4-5] and **you**, **son** of man –

[6] (**you**) **prophesy**

[7] and you **shall say**

[1-2] thus **says** my **Lord**, **YHWH**, to (the) sons of Ammon

[3] and to their **reproach**

[8] and you **shall say**

[1-2] a **sword**, a **sword** (**is**) **being opened** [*drawn*] for slaughter

[3-4] **being polished**, **to consume**

[5] because of, (**to be**) lightning!

[6] in (there), **to see** for you emptiness

[7] in (there), **to practice divination** for you, of falsehood

[8] **to set** you toward (the) necks of (the) profane of (the) wicked

[9] which, (there) **has come**, their **day**, in (the) **time** of (the) iniquity of (the) end

[9] **turn** (her) **back** to her sheath!

[10] in (the) place where you **were created** –

[4] in (the) land of your origins, I **will judge** you!

[5] and I **will pour out** upon you, My indignation

[6] with (the) fire of My wrath, I **will blow** upon you

[7] and I **will give** you into (the) hand of **men** –

[1] **being brutish** – **craftsmen** of destruction

[2-3] to fire, **you will become**, for **food** [*fuel*]

[4] your blood **will be** in (the) midst of the land

[5] you **will not be remembered**

[8-9] for I, **YHWH** –

[10] I **have spoken**

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32 elements

“turn (her) back to her sheath” | This imperative appears to be directed to Ezekiel, as a matter of his prophetic ministry. The local passage may be structured with reflected 32-fold measures, as observed in chapters 19-20, arising from Ezekiel’s age stature at this time.

21:32 (21:37 Heb.)

[10] and (there) **was**, (the) word of YHWH to me, **saying**

22:1

[1-2] and **you**, **son** of man –

[3] **will** you **judge**?

[4] **will** you **judge** (the) city of the bloods

[5] and **make known** to her, all her abominations?

[6] and you **shall say**

[1-2] thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH

[1-2] (it **is**) a city, **pouring out** blood in her midst

[3] (there) **to come**, her **time**

[4-5] and she **makes** idols upon herself, **to defile**

[1-2] in your blood which you **have poured out**, you **are guilty**

[3-4] and among your idols which you **have made**, you **are defiled**

[5] and you **brought near**, your **days**

[6] and you **came** as far as your **years**

[3-5] upon thus, I **have set you**, a **reproach** to nations and a **mockery** to all the lands

[7-8] the **near** and the **far** from you, **mock** against you

[9] defiled (**is**) the name

[10] great (**is**) the panic!

[1-2] behold, (the) **princes** of Israel – a man to his arm [*strength*], **they are** among you – in order **to pour out** blood

[3-4] **father** and **mother**, they **curse** among you

[5] to (the) sojourner, they **deal** with oppression in your midst

[1-2] **orphan** and **widow**, they **wrong**, among you

[3] My holy (things), you **have despised**

[4] and My sabbaths, you **have profaned**

[5-6] men of slander, they **are**, among you, in order **to pour out** blood

[7] and toward the mountains, they **eat**, among you

[8] wickedness, they **commit** in your midst

[9] (the) nakedness of a father, he **has uncovered** among you

[10] (the) uncleanness of the menstrual-impurity, he **has violated** among you

[1] and a **man**, with (the) wife of his companion, **has committed** abomination

[2] and a **man**, his daughter-in-law, **has defiled** in wickedness

[3-4] and a **man**, his **sister**, (the) **daughter** of his father, **has violated** among you

[5-6] a bribe, they **take**, among you, in order **to pour out** blood

[7-8] **interest** and **usury**, you **have taken**

[9] and you **have cut off** your neighbors by oppression –

[10] and Me, you **have forgotten**!

[1-2] (**is**) (the) utterance of my **Lord**, YHWH

[3] and behold, I **strike** My hand toward your **unjust-gain** –

[1] which you **have made**

[4] and upon your **blood** –

[2] which **is** in your midst

[3] **will** (there) **stand**, your heart

[4-5] or **will** (there) **be strong**, your hands (**two**), to (the) **days** which –

[5] I (**will be**) **dealing** with you?

[1-2] I, YHWH –

[3-4] I **have spoken**, and I **will do** it!

[5] and I **will scatter** you among (the) nations

[6] and I **will disperse** you among (the) lands

[7] and I **will destroy** your uncleanness from you

[1-2] and (there) **will be profaned** among you, to (the) eyes (**two**) of (the) nations

[3] and you **will know**

[8] that I (**am**) YHWH

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[7] and (there) **was**, (the) word of YHWH to me, **saying**

[4-5] son of man, (there) **have become** to Me, (the) **house** of Israel, to **dross**

[6-9] all of them (**are**) **bronze** and **tin** and **iron** and **lead** in (the) midst of (the) furnace

[10] (the) dross of silver, they **are**

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[9-10] to this, thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH

[1-2] because (there) **to become**, all of you, to **dross**

[1] to this, behold, I (**am**) **gathering** you to (the) midst of Jerusalem:

[3-7] an accumulation of **silver** and **bronze** and **iron** and **lead** and **tin**, to (the) midst of (the) furnace – (there) **to blow** upon it, (the) fire, **to melt**

[2-3] thus I **will gather** in My **anger** and in My **wrath**

[4-5] and I **will deposit**, and I **will melt** you!

[1-2] and I **will gather** you, and I **will blow** upon you with (the) fire of My wrath

[8] and you **will be melted** in her midst

[9-10] as (there) **is melted**, silver, in (the) midst of (the) furnace, thus you **will be melted** in (the) midst of her

[1] and you **will know**

[3-4] that I, YHWH –

[5] I **have poured out** My wrath upon you!

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[8] and (there) **was**, (the) word of YHWH to me, **saying**
 [9-10] **son** of man, (you) **say** to her

[2] you (**are**) a land –
 [3] **not having been cleansed**, (**is**) she
 [4] (there **is**) **not**, her rain, in (the) **day** of indignation
 [5] a conspiracy of her prophets (**is**) in her midst
 [6-7] as a lion (**is**) **roaring, tearing** (the) prey –
 [8] (the) soul, they **devour**
 [9-10] **wealth** and **preciousness**, they **take**

[1] her widows **are many** in her midst
 [2] her priests **do violence to** My law
 [3] and they **profane** My holiness
 [4] between (the) holy (thing), to (the) common, they **do not distinguish**
 [5] and between the unclean, to (the) clean, they **do not make known**

[1-2] and from My sabbaths, they **have hidden** their eyes (**two**)

[1] and I **am profaned** in their midst
 [3] her princes in her midst (**are**) like wolves –
 [4-5] **tearing** prey, **to pour out** blood
 [6-7] **to destroy** lives, in order **to gain-by-violence**, unjust-gain
 [8] and her prophets **plaster** for them, whitewash
 [9] **seeing** emptiness
 [10] and **divining** for them, falsehood

[1] and **saying**

[2-3] “thus **says** my **Lord, YHWH**”

[4] and YHWH **has not spoken!**

[2] (the) people of the land **practice** oppression
 [3] and they **commit** robbery
 [4-5] and (the) **poor** and **needy**, they **oppress**
 [6] and they sojourner, they **extort**
 [7] with, (there **is**) **not** justice

[5] and I **sought** from them, a man,
 [8] **building up** (the) wall
 [9] and **standing** in (the) breach before Me, on behalf of the land –
 [10] lest (there), **to destroy** her

[6] and I **did not find**
 [7] and I **poured out** upon them, My indignation
 [8] with (the) fire of My wrath, I **consumed** them
 [9-10] their way, on their head, I **placed** – (**is**) (the) utterance of my **Lord, YHWH**

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23:1

[1] and (there) **was**, (the) word of YHWH to me, **saying**
[1-2] son of man, **two** women –
[3] daughters of a **mother**, **one**, they **were**
[4] and they **played-the-harlot** in Egypt
[5] in their youth, they **played-the-harlot**
[1-2] there, (there) **were pressed**, their breasts (**two**)
[3]* and there, (there) **was handled** [*“was done”*], (the) bosom [*or, “nipples (two)”*]
of their virginities
[4-5] and their names (**were**) **Aholah** [*“she who has a tent”*], the **elder**
[6-7] and **Aholibah** [*“my tent is in her”*], her **sister**
[8] and they **were**, to Me
[9-10] and they **bore sons** and **daughters**
[1] and (as for) their names, **Samaria** (**is**) Aholah
[2] and **Jerusalem** (**is**) Aholibah
[3] and (there) **played-the-harlot**, Aholah, instead of Me
[4] and she **lusted**
[5] upon (**those**) **loving** her
[6-7] to (the) **Assyrians**, **near**, (**being**) clothed with purple
[8-9] **governors** and **rulers**
[10] **young-men** of desire
[1-2] all of them (**being**) horsemen, **riding** horses
[3] and she **set** her harlotries upon **them** –
[4-5] (the) **choice** of sons of Assyria, **all** of them
[1] and for all whom she **lusted** –
[2] with all their idols, she **was defiled**
[3] and her harlotries from Egypt, she **did not forsake**
[4] because (with) her, they **had lain down** in her youth
[5] and they **handled** [*“did”*] (the) bosom [*or, “nipples (two)”*] of her virginities
[6] and they **poured out** their harlotry upon her
[1] to thus, I **have given** her
[7] into (the) hand of (those) **loving** her
[8] into (the) hand of (the) sons of Assyria, which, she **lusted** upon them
[9-10] **they** – **they uncovered** her nakedness
[1-2] her **sons** and her **daughters**, they **took**
[3] and her, with (the) sword, they **killed**
[4] and she **was** a name [*byword*] to women
[5] and judgments, they **executed** on her

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“and there, (there) were handled...” | Judging by the completeness of the literary set, it appears the Hebrew dual word that can be rendered “nipples (two)” is counted as a single element here. This fits with the context of “bosom” of virginity, as some major translations have rendered it. The semantic range of the Hebrew word allows for both renderings, but “nipples (two)” exceeds the 10-fold count of this literary set. This word selection and counting appear to be consistently modeled in the literary sets that follow.

[1-2] and (there) **saw**, her **sister**, **Aholibah**
 [3] and she **corrupted** her **lust** more than her
 [4] and her **harlotries**, more than (the) harlotries of her sister
 [5] toward (the) **sons** of Assyria, she **lusted** –
 [6-8] **governors** and **rulers**, **near**, (**being**) clothed of splendid-attire
 [9] horsemen **riding** horses –
 [10] **young-men** of desire (**were**) all of them

[2] and I **saw**

[1-2] that she **was defiled** – a **way**, **one**, (**being**) to (the) **two** of them
 [3] and she **added** to her harlotries
 [4] and she **saw**
 [5] men of, (those) **being carved** upon the wall:
 [1] images of Chaldeans, **being inscribed** in vermilion
 [2-3] (**being**) girded of a belt at their loins (**two**)
 [4] (there **being**) **stretched out**, turbans, on their heads
 [5] (of) (the) **appearance** of officers, (**were**) all of them
 [6-7] (the) likeness of (the) **sons** of Babylon, **Chaldeans** of (the) land of their nativity
 [8-9] and she **lusted** upon them, to (the) appearance of her eyes (**two**)
 [10] and she **sent** messengers to them in Chaldea

[1-2] and (there) **came** to **her**, (the) sons of Babylon, to (the) **bed** of loves
 [3] and they **defiled** her with their harlotry
 [4] and she **was defiled** by them
 [5] and (there) **was alienated**, her soul, from them

[1] and she **uncovered** her harlotries
 [2] and she **uncovered** her nakedness

[3] and (there) **was alienated**, My soul, from above her

[4] as which, (there) **was alienated**, My soul, from above her sister

[3-4] and she **made many**, her harlotries, **to remember** (the) **days** of her youth
 [5] which, she **played-the-harlot** in (the) land of Egypt
 [6] and she **lusted** upon their paramours
 [7] which, (the) flesh [*male organ*] of donkeys (**was**) their flesh
 [8] and (the) issue of horses (**was**) their issue
 [9] and you **attended to** (the) unchastity of your youth
 [10] in (there), **to handle** [*“to do”*], from (the) Egyptians, your bosom [*“nipples (two)”*] –

[1-2] for the sake of (the) breasts (**two**) of your youth

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[5-6] to thus, Aholibah – thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH
 [7] behold, I (**am**) **stirring up**
 [3] (those) **loving** you, against you
 [4] which, (there) **has been alienated**, your soul, from them
 [8] and I **will bring** them against you from all around:
 [5-6] **sons** of Babylon, and all **Chaldeans**
 [7-9] **Pekod** and **Shoa** and **Koa**
 [10] all (the) **sons** of Assyria with them –
 [1] **young-men** of desire
 [2-4] **governors** and **rulers**, all of them
 [5-6] **officers** and (those) **being renowned**
 [7-8] (those) **riding** horses – all of them
 [9-10] and (there) **will come** against you, (the) weapon [?] of **chariot** and **wheel**
 [1-3] and with an assembly of peoples – **hook** and **shield** and **helmet**, they **will set**
 upon you, all around
 [9] and I **will set** before them, judgment
 [4] and they **will judge** you with their judgments
 [10] and I **will set** My jealousy against you
 [5] and they **will deal** with you in wrath
 [1] your **nose**,
 [2-3] and your ears (**two**), they **will cut off**
 [4] and your posterity, with (the) sword, **will fall**
 [5] **they** –
 [6-7] your **sons** and your **daughters**, they **will take**
 [8] and your posterity **will be devoured** with fire
 [9] and they **will strip** (from) you, your garments
 [10] and they **will take** (the) jewels of your beauty

 [1] and I **will make cease**, your **unchastity**, from you,
 [2] and your **harlotry**, from (the) land of Egypt
 [1-2] and you **will not lift up**, your eyes (**two**), toward them
 [3] and Egypt, you **will not remember** again

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 [3-4] for thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH
 [5] behold, I (**am**) **giving** you
 [4] into (the) **hand** which you **hate**
 [5] into (the) **hand** which, (there) **is alienated**, your soul, from them

[1] and they **will deal** with you in hatred
 [2] and they **will take** all your labor
 [3-4] and they **will leave** you, **naked** and **bare**
 [5-7] and (there) **will be uncovered**, (the) nakedness of your **harlotries** and your **unchastity** and your **harlotries**, **to do** these (things) to you
 [8] in your, **to play-the-harlot** after nations
 [9] upon which, you **have been defiled** with their idols
 [10] in (the) way of your sister, you **have walked**

[1] and I **will give** her cup into your hand

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[2-3] thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH
 [1-3] (the) **cup** of your sister, you **shall drink** – the **deep** and the **wide**
 [4-5] it **will be**, for **laughter** and for **derision** – much, **to contain**!
 [6-7] (with) **drunkenness** and **sorrow**, you **will be filled**
 [8-9] a cup of **horror** and **desolation** (**is**) (the) cup of your sister,
 [10] **Samaria**
 [1-2] and you **shall drink** it and **drain** (it)
 [3] and its shards, you **shall gnaw**
 [4-5] and your breasts (**two**), you **shall tear away**

[4] because I –

[5-6] I **have spoken** – (**is**) (the) utterance of my **Lord**, YHWH

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[7-8] to this, thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH
 [1] because you **have forgotten** Me
 [2] and you **have cast** Me behind your back
 [3-4] and also, you **shall bear** your **unchastity** and your **harlotries**

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[9] and (there) **said**, YHWH, to me
 [2] **son** of man,
 [3-4] **will** you **judge** **Aholah** and **Aholibah**
 [5] and **declare** to them, their abominations?
 [5] for they **have committed adultery**
 [1-2] and blood (**is**) in their hands (**two**)
 [3] and with their idols, they **have committed adultery**
 [4-5] and also, their **sons** whom they **bore** to Me, they **have offered** to them, for **food**

[1] again, this, they **have done** to Me:

[2-3] they **have defiled** My sanctuary in (the) **day**, the **that**

[4] and My sabbaths, they **have profaned**

[5] and in their, **to slaughter** their sons to their idols

[1-2] and they **came** to My sanctuary in (the) **day**, the **that**, **to profane** it

[3] and behold, thus they **have done** in (the) midst of My house!

[4] and indeed, when they **sent** for men,

[5] **coming** from afar

[6] which, a messenger (**was**) **being sent** to them

[7] and behold, they **came**!

[8] for whom, you **bathed**

[9-10] you **painted** your eyes (**two**)

[1] and you **adorned** (with) an ornament

[2-3] and you **sat** upon a **couch**, **stately**

[4] and a table (**was**) **being arranged** before it

[5-6] and My **incense** and My **oil**, you **placed** upon it

[7-8] and (the) voice of a **multitude**, **carefree**, (**was**) with her

[9-10] and to men from a multitude of man, (there **were**) **being brought** – (those) **drinking-heavily** – from (the) wilderness

[1-2] and they [*the drunkards*] **put** bracelets on their [*the women's*] hands (**two**)

[3] and a **crown** of beauty upon their heads

[10] and I **said** to (the) worn-out of adulteries

[4-5] now **will** he **use-as-harlot**, her **harlotries** – even **her**?

[1-2] and he **came in** to her, as (there), **to come in** to a **woman**, a **prostitute**

[3-4] thus they **came in** to **Aholah** and to **Aholibah**,

[5] the **women** of unchastity

[1-2] and **men**, **righteous** –

[3] **they will judge** them,

[4] (the) judgment of (women) **committing adultery**

[5] and (the) judgment of (women) **pouring out** blood

[1] because **committing adultery**, they (**are**)

[2-3] and blood (**is**) in their hands (**two**)

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[1-2] for thus **says** my **Lord**, **YHWH**:

[4] **to bring up** upon them, an assembly

[5-7] and **to make them**, to a **terror** and to **plunder**

[8-9] and **they will stone** upon them (with) (the) stone – an **host**

[10] and **to cut** them **down** with their swords

[1-2] their sons and their daughters, they will slay
 [3] and their houses, with fire, they will burn
 [3] and I will make cease, (the) unchastity, from the land
 [4] and (there) will be warned, all the women
 [5] and they will not do, like, your unchastity
 [6] and they will put your unchastity upon you
 [7] and (the) sins of your idols, you shall bear
 [8] and you will know
 [4-5] that I (am) my Lord, YHWH

23:49

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[1-2]* and (there) was, (the) word of YHWH to me in (the) year,
 the ninth
 [3-4] in (the) month, the tenth
 [5] in ten [days] to (the) month, saying

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[1-2] son of man, (you) write for yourself (the) name of the day
 [3-4] (the) "bone" [selfsame] of the day, the this

[9] (there) has laid siege, (the) king of Babylon, to Jerusalem in (the) bone
 [selfsame] of the day,

[10] the this!

[5] and use-as-proverb to the house of rebellion, a proverb
 [6] and you shall say to them

[1-2] thus says my Lord, YHWH

[1-2] put on the pot; put on!
 [3] and also, pour in it, water
 [4] gather her pieces to her
 [5-6] every piece, good
 [7-8] thigh and shoulder
 [9] (with) (the) choicest of bones, fill (her)!
 [10] (the) choicest of the sheep, to take

[1] and also pile the bones under her
 [2] boil her boil [boil it well]
 [3] also seethe her bones in her midst

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[3-4] to this, thus says my Lord, YHWH
 [4] woe (be) (to) (the) city of the bloods,
 [5] (the) pot which, her rust (is) in her
 [6] and her rust has not gone out from her
 [7-8] to her pieces, to her pieces, bring her out
 [9] (there) shall not fall over her, (the) lot
 [10] because her blood, in her midst, is

34 elements

The opening line of Ezekiel (1:1) may have occurred in *Tammuz* (July) 593 BC, and Ezekiel may have been 30 years old. If the siege of Jerusalem began in *Tebet* (January) 588 BC, Ezekiel may have been 34 years old on this "bones" of a day. The opening lines of chapter 24 may be framed in keeping with an age stature 34-fold, by literary time conversion:

- "year, the ninth" → 1-fold conversion for "year"
- "month, the tenth" → 10-fold conversion for "month"
- "in ten [days] to..." → 10-fold conversion for "ten [days]"
- "to the month, saying" → 10-fold conversion for "month"
- "(the) name of the day" → 1-fold conversion for "day"
- "...of the day, the this" → 1-fold conversion for "day"
- "...of the day, the this" → 1-fold conversion for "day"
- Total Literary Conversion: 34-fold, Ezekiel's age stature

The 34-fold stature appears to be used as a literary mirror in this passage, following the examples from earlier age statures (30-fold, 31-fold, 32-fold). The measure arises in connection with Ezekiel's use of a "proverb."

[1] upon (the) surface of (the) rock, she **put** it
 [2-3] she **did not pour** it **out** upon the earth, **to cover** over it (with) dust
 [5] **to make** (there) **go up**, wrath –
 [6] **to avenge**, vengeance –
 [7] I **have set** her blood upon (the) surface of (the) rock!
 [4] lest (it), **to be covered**

--- major paragraph break⁹⁷ ---

[8-9] to this, thus **says** my **Lord, YHWH**
 [5] woe (**be**) (to) (the) city of the bloods
 [10] even I, **will make great**, the pile!
 [6] **make many**, the logs
 [7-8] **kindle** the fire, **to complete**, the flesh
 [9] and **to mix** the spices
 [10] and the **bones will be burned**
 [1-2] and **stand her** upon her coals, **empty**
 [3] in order that she **may become hot**
 [4] and (there) **burn**, her bronze
 [5] and (there) **be melted** in her midst, her uncleanness
 [6] (there) **be consumed**, her rust
 [7] (with) toil, she **has made weary**
 [8] and (there) **has not gone out** from her, (the) abundance of her rust
 [9] (it **is**) into (the) fire, (with) her rust!
 [10] in your uncleanness (**is**) wickedness

[1] because I **would purify** you,
 [1] and you **were not purified** from your uncleanness –
 [2] you **will not be cleansed** again,
 [2] as far as My, **to satisfy** My wrath against you
 [3] I (**am**) YHWH!
 [4] I **have spoken** –
 [3] (it **is**) **coming**!
 [5] and I **will do** (it)
 [6] I **will not neglect**
 [7] and I **will not pity**
 [8] and I **will not relent**
 [4-5] according to your **ways**, and according to your **deeds**, they **will judge** you
 [9-10] (**is**) (the) utterance of my **Lord, YHWH**

--- major paragraph break⁹⁸ ---

34 elements

34 elements

[7] and (there) **was**, (the) word of YHWH to me, **saying**
 [1-2] son of man, behold, I (**am**) **taking** from you (the) desire of your eyes (**two**) with
 a stroke

[8] and you **shall not lament**

[9] and you **shall not weep**

[10] and (there) **shall not come**, your tear

[1-2] **to mourn, be silent**

[3-4] (for) (those) **dying**, a lamentation, **do not make**

[5] your turban, **bind** upon you

[1-2] and your shoes, you **shall put** on your feet (**two**)

[3] and you **shall not cover** over (the) mustache

[4] and (the) bread of men, you **shall not eat**

[5] and I **spoke** to the people in (the) **morning**

[1] and (there) **died**, my wife, in (the) **evening**

[2] and I **did** in (the) **morning**

[3] as which, I **had been commanded**

[1] and (there) **said** to me, the people

[4] **will** you **not tell** to us

[5-6] what (**are**) these (things), to us, that you (**are**) **doing**?

[7] and I **said** to them

[8] (the) word of YHWH **is** to me, **saying**

[9] **say** to (the) house of Israel

[3-4] thus **says** my **Lord, YHWH**

[5-6] behold, I (**am**) **profaning** My **sanctuary**, (the) **pride** of your might

[2-3] (the) desire of your eyes (**two**)

[4] and (the) **object-of-compassion** of your soul

[5-6] and your **sons** and your **daughters** whom you **have left** –

[7] with (the) sword, **they will fall**

[8] and you **will do**

[10] as which, I **have done**

[9] over (the) mustache, you **shall not cover**

[10] and (the) bread of men, you **shall not eat**

[1] and your turbans (**shall be**) upon your heads

[2-3] and your shoes (**shall be**) on your feet (**two**)

[4-5] you **shall not lament**, and you **shall not weep**

[6] and you **will rot away** in your iniquities

[7] and you **will groan**, a man to his brother

[1-2] and (there) **will become**, **Ezekiel**, to you, for a **sign**, according to
 what he **has done** →

[8-9] you **will do**, in (there), **to come**, it

70 elements

Notice that for Ezekiel, the unfolding of this vision arises from a literary set begun in the previous context. This vision features two instances of “sign.” A 70-fold measure of judgment may span the vision and form a reflection point at the second instance of “sign.” This doubled instance of “sign” may await a doubled reflection. The fulfillment of this vision occurs with the fall of Jerusalem, a topic of Ezekiel 33:21-22.

[10] and you will know

[7-8] that I (am) my Lord, YHWH

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[3-4] and you, son of man –

[9] is it not, in (the) day of My, to take from them, their stronghold

[1] (the) joy of their beauty

[2-3] (the) desire of their eyes (two)

[4] and (the) burden of their soul,

[5-6] their sons and their daughters –

[7] in (the) day,

[8-9] the that, (there) will come, the fugitive, to you, for (the) report of ears (two)

[5-6] on (the) day, the that, (there) will be opened, your mouth, with the fugitive

[7] and you will speak

[8] and you will not be mute, longer

[9-10] and you will become to them, for a sign

[10] and they will know

[10] that I (am) YHWH

--- minor paragraph break¹⁰⁰ ---

[1] and (there) was, (the) word of YHWH to me, saying

[2-3] son of man, (you) set your faces toward (the) sons of Ammon

[4] and prophesy over them

[5] and you shall say to (the) sons of Ammon

[1-2] hear (the) word of my Lord, YHWH

[1-2] thus says my Lord, YHWH

[3] because of your, to say “aha”

[4] to My sanctuary, because it was profaned

[5] and to (the) land of Israel, because it was desolate

[6] and to (the) house of Judah, because they went into captivity

[3] to thus, behold, I (am) giving you –

[7] to (the) sons of (the) East [ancient times], for a possession

[8] and they will make sit, their encampments, against you

[9] and they will set against you, their dwelling-places

[10] they will eat your fruit

[1] and they will drink your milk

[4] and I will make Rabbah –

[2] to a pasture of camels

[3-4] and (the) sons of Ammon, to a resting-place of sheep

70 elements

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24:27

25:1

With this placement of “sign” in relation to his muteness, Ezekiel may use a 430-fold measure reaching forward to the demise of Tyre, an adversary having spiritual significance. See comments at 26:1 for an overlapping measure of similar proportion and significance.

Here at the end of chapter 24, the 430-fold stature may stand in reflected significance, compared with the similar pairing of a 430-fold stature with Ezekiel’s being mute, end of chapter 3.

Paired with the 70-fold measure shown above, these may give rise to a 430 + 70 = 500-fold stature for Ezekiel. Such a stature may correspond with the giving over of Ezekiel’s wife to premature death.

430-fold measure of adversity

[5] and you will know

[5] that I (am) YHWH

--- minor paragraph break¹⁰¹ ---

[1-2] for thus says my Lord, YHWH

[1-2] because of your, to clap a hand and your, to stamp with a foot

[3] and you rejoiced with all your contempt in soul, toward (the) land of Israel

[3-4] to thus, behold, I – I will stretch out My hand upon you

[5] and I will give you over –

[4] for plunder, to nations

[5] and they will cut you off from the peoples

[1] and I will make you perish from the lands

[2] I will destroy you

[1] and you will know

[3] that I (am) YHWH

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[4-5] thus says my Lord, YHWH

[2-3] because of (there), to say, Moab and Sier

[4] “behold, like all the nations (is) (the) house of Judah”

[1] to thus, behold, I (am) opening (the) side of Moab, from the cities –

[2] from his cities from his end – (the) beauty of (the) land:

[5] Beth-Jeshimoth [“house of the deserts”],

[6] Baal-Meon [“master of the abode”],

[7-8] and Kiriathaim [“two cities”], to (the) sons of (the) East [ancient times], upon
[in addition to] (the) sons of Ammon

[3-4] and I will give her, for a possession

[9] in order that (there) may not be remembered, (the) sons of Ammon, among
(the) nations

[5] and against Moab, I will execute judgments

[10] and they will know

[1] that I (am) YHWH

--- minor paragraph break¹⁰³ ---

[2-3] thus **says** my **Lord, YHWH**
 [1-2] because of (there), **to act**, Edom, in, **to avenge** (with) a vengeance toward (the)
 house of Judah
 [3-4] and they **did wrong, to do wrong**
 [5] and they **took vengeance** on them

[4-5] to this, thus **says** my **Lord, YHWH**

[1] also I **will stretch out** My hand upon Edom
 [2-3] and I **will cut off** from her, **man** and **beast**
 [4-5] and I **will make her**, a **desolation**

[1-2] from **Teman** and to **Dedan**, with (the) sword, they **will fall**
 [1-2] and I **will put** My vengeance on Edom by (the) hand of My **people, Israel**
 [3] and they **will do** in Edom according to My **anger** –
 [4] and according to My **wrath**
 [5] and they **will know** My vengeance

[3-4] (is) (the) utterance of my **Lord, YHWH**

--- major paragraph break¹⁰⁴ ---

[5-6] thus **says** my **Lord, YHWH**
 [1] because of (there) **to act**, (the) Philistines, with **vengeance**
 [2] and they **took vengeance** (with) **vengeance**, with **contempt**
 [3] with **soul**, for destruction
 [4] an **enmity** of forever

[7-8] to this, thus **says** my **Lord, YHWH**
 [9] behold, I (am) **stretching out** My hand upon (the) Philistines
 [10] and I **will cut off** (the) Cherethites
 [1] and I **will destroy** (the) remnant of (the) coast of the sea
 [2-3] and I **will execute** against them **vengeances, great**, with rebukes of wrath
 [5] and they **will know**

[4] that I (am) YHWH
 [5] in My, **to put** My vengeance upon them

--- minor paragraph break¹⁰⁵ ---

[1] and (there) **happened**, in **one-of-ten [eleven] year**
 [2] in **one [day]** to (the) **month**, (there) **was**, (the) word
 of YHWH to me, **saying**

[1] son of man, because of which, (there) **has said**, Tyre, against Jerusalem
 [2] aha, (there) **is broken**, (the) gate of the peoples
 [3] it **has turned about**, to me
 [4] **let me be filled!**
 [5] she **has been dried up!**

25:17

26:1

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36 elements

437 elements

Chapters 26-28 form a broad prophesy against Tyre and Sidon. These carry several parallels with Genesis 1:1-3:24, including:

- An overlay of the spiritual domain of Satan (the serpent) over the domain of the leader of Tyre.
- Themes from the heart of the seas, which also arise from Gen. 1:20, and by macrostructural measure, the flood narrative in Gen. 7:24.
- Mentions of the Garden of Eden, the east, precious stones, cherub, the making of beauty, and sealing/measurement.
- A 437-fold measure, shown in green here. In Genesis, the 7-fold + 430-fold measure may result in the literary division of “YHWH” and “God,” as the divine Creator sends His humanity out of the Garden of Eden (see comments there). Here in Ezekiel, the 437-fold measure concludes with the presentation of the same divine name: “that I (am) YHWH, their God” (28:26), in contrast to Ezekiel’s typical name combination, “my Lord, YHWH.” For a similar possibility of a 437-fold measure resulting in the restoration/combination of God’s names together, see Rev. 22:3 and the macrostructural comments at the end of the Revelation translation/study.

Following the conventions observed from the beginning of Ezekiel, the prophet may be 36 years old at this point in time. A 36-fold measure may be used to frame the passage, dovetailing with a 70-fold measure of judgment for Tyre.

[1-2] to this, thus **says** my **Lord**, **YHWH**

[3] behold, I (**am**) against you, [*O*] Tyre!

[4-5] and I **will make go up** against you, **nations**, **many**

[1] as (there), **to make go up**, the sea, to his waves

[2] and they **will destroy** (the) walls of Tyre

[3] and they **will throw down** her towers

[6] and I **will scrape** her dust from her

[7] and I **will make her** –

[4] to a bare **rock**

[5] a scatter of nets, she **will be** in (the) midst of the sea

[8-9] because I – I **have spoken** – (**is**) (the) utterance of my Lord,

[10] **YHWH**

[6-7] and **she will become**, for **plunder**, to nations

[8-9] and her daughters who (**are**) in (the) field [*mainland*], with a sword, **will be**

slain

[10] and they **will know**

[1] that I (**am**) **YHWH**!

--- major paragraph break¹⁰⁶ ---

[2-3] for thus **says** my **Lord**, **YHWH**

[4-5] behold, I (**am**) **bringing** to Tyre, **Nebuchadnezzar**, **King** of Babylon, from (the) north:

[1-6] (the) king of kings, with **horse** and with **chariot** and with **horsemen** and an

assembly and a **people**, **great**

[7] your daughters in (the) field [*mainland*], with a sword, he **will slay**

[8] and he **will set** against you, a siege

[9] and he **will pour out** against you, a mound

[10] and he **will raise up** against you, (the) shield

[1] and (the) blow of his battering-ram, he **will set** at your walls

[2] and your towers, he **will break down** with his swords

[3] from an abundance of his horses, (there) **will cover** you, their dust

[4-6] from (the) voice) of (the) **horseman** and **wheel** and **chariot**, (there) **will be**

shaken, your walls, in his, **to come** into your gates,

[7] as (to) (the) entrances of a city, **having been cleaved open**

[8] with (the) hoofs of his horses, he **will trample** all your streets

[9] your people, with (the) sword, he **will slay**

[10] and (the) pillars of your might, to (the) earth, **will come down**

[1-2] and they **will plunder** your **wealth** and **will loot** your **merchandise**

[3] and they **will throw down** your walls

[4] and (the) houses of your desire, they **will break down**

36 elements

70 elements

437 elements

[5-7] and your **stones** and your **beams** and your **dust**, in (the) midst of (the) waters,
he **will cast**

[1] and I **will make cease**, (the) sound of your songs

[8] and (the) voice of your lyres **will not be heard** again

[2-3] and I **will make you**, to a bare **rock**

[9] a scatter of nets, you **will be**

[10] you **will not be built** again

[4] because I (**am**) YHWH

[5-6] I **have spoken** – (**is**) (the) utterance of my **Lord**, YHWH

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[7-8] thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH, to Tyre

[1-3] **will not** – from (the) voice of your overthrow, in (there), **to groan**, (the) slain;
in (there), **to be slain** with (the) sword in your midst – (there) **shake**, the
coastlands?

[4] and (there) **will go down** from upon their thrones, all (the) princes of the sea

[5] and they **will turn aside**, their robes

[6] and (the) garments of their embroidery, they **will strip off**

[7] (with) trembles, they **will be clothed**

[8] upon the earth, they **will sit**

[9] and they **will tremble**, for **moments**

[10] and they **will be appalled** over you

[1] and they **will raise** over you, a lamentation

[2] and they **will say** to you

[3-4] how **you have perished**, (**she**) **being inhabited** from (the) seas

[5-6] the **city**, the, (**she**) **being praised**

[7-8] which, (there) **was** mighty in (the) sea, **she** – and (**those**) **inhabiting** her

[9] which, they **set** their terror

[10] to all (those) **inhabiting** her

[1] now (there) **tremble**, the **coastlands**, (on) (the) **day** of your overthrow

[2] and (there) **are dismayed**, the **coastlands** –

[3-4] which (**are**) at (the) sea – from your, **to pass**

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[9-10] for thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH

[1] in My, **to make you** –

[5] a **city**, **being dried up** –

[6] like (the) cities which **are not inhabited**

[7] in (there), **to bring up** against you, (the) deep

[8-9] and (there) **will cover** you, the **waters**, the **many**

[2] and I **will make** you **go down**
 [10] with (those) **going down** of (the) pit, to (the) people of old

[3-4] and I **will make** you **dwell** in (the) **land**, (the) **lower-parts**, like (the) ruins from of old
 [1] with (those) **going down** of (the) pit
 [2] in order that you **will not be inhabited** ←

[5] and I **will set** beauty in (the) land of (the) alive
 [6] calamities, I **will give** you
 [3] and you **will not be**
 [4] and you **will be sought**
 [5] and you **will not be found**, again, to forever

[7-8] (is) (the) utterance of my **Lord, YHWH** 26:21
 --- minor paragraph break¹⁰⁹ ---

[3] and (there) **was**, (the) word of YHWH to me, **saying** 27:1
 [4-5] and **you, son** of man –
 [6] (you) **raise** upon Tyre a lamentation
 [7] and you **shall say** to Tyre –
 [1] the, (her) **dwelling** upon (the) entrances of (the) sea
 [2-3] (her) **trading** (with) the peoples toward (the) **coastlands, many**

[9-10] thus **says** my **Lord, YHWH**
 [4-5] [O] **Tyre, you** –
 [6] (you) **have said**
 [7] “I (**am**) perfect in beauty”
 [8] in (the) heart of (the) seas (**are**) your borders
 [9-10] (those) **building** you, **perfected** your beauty

[1-2] (of) fir-trees from Senir, they **built** for you, all your planks (**two**) [*Hebrew dual*]
 [3-4] (the) cedar from Lebanon, they **took, to make** a mast over you
 [5] (of) oaks from Bashan, they **made** your oars

[1-2] your deck-board, they **made** (of) **ivory**, (the) **daughter** of box-trees from (the) coastlands of Chittim [*Cyprus*]
 [3-4] **linen** in embroidery, from Egypt, **was** your sail – **to become**, for you, to a **banner**
 [5-6] **blue** and **purple** from (the) coastlands of Elishah **were** your cover
 [7-8] (those) **inhabiting Sidon** and **Arvad, were, rowing** for you
 [9] your wise, [O] Tyre, **were** in you
 [10] they (**were**) your pilots

[1-2] (the) **elders** of Gebal and her **wise** (men) **were** in you, **making strong** [*caulking*] your breach
 [3-4] all **ships** of the sea and their **sailors were** in you, **to exchange** your merchandise

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[5-7] Persia and Lud and Put were, in your army, your men of war

[8-9] shield and helmet, they hung up in you

[10] they gave your majesty

[1-2] (the) sons of Arvad and Helech (were) upon your walls, all around

[3] and Gammadim [*men of Gamad*], in your towers, were

[4] their shields, they hung upon your walls all around

[5] they made perfect, your beauty

[1] Tarshish (was) trading you from (the) abundance of all wealth

[2-5] with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they exchanged for your wares

[1-4] Javan, Tubal, and Meshech – they (were) trading you

[5-6] with soul of man and vessels of bronze, they exchanged for your merchandise

[7-9] from Beth-Togarmah, horses and horsemen and mules, they exchanged for your wares

[10] (the) sons of Dedan (were) trading you

[1-2] coastlands, many, (were) (the) market of your hand

[3-4] horns of ivory and ebories, they returned (as) your payment

[5] Aram [*Syria*] (was) trading you, from (the) abundance of your works:

[1-6] with turquoise, purple and embroidery and fine-linen and coral and ruby, they exchanged for your wares

[7-9] Judah and (the) land of Israel – they (were) trading you

[10] with wheat of Minnith –

[1-4] and meal and honey and oil and balm, they exchanged for your merchandise

[5-6] Damascus (was) trading you for (the) abundance of your works, from (the) abundance of all wealth, with wine of Helbon

[7] and wool of Sahar

[8-9] Vedan and Javan, from Uzal, for your wares, exchanged iron,

[10] wrought

[1-2] cassia and calamus, for your merchandise, were

[3] Dedan (was) trading you with coverings of saddlecloth for (the) rider

[4-6] Arabia and all (the) princes of Kedar – they (were) trading of your hand

[7-10] with lambs and rams and male-goats – with them, (they were) trading you

[1-2] (those) trading, of Sheba and Raamah –

[3] they (were) trading you

[4-7] with (the) head of all spice and with all stone, precious, and gold, they exchanged for your wares

[8-10] Haran and Canneh and Eden –

[1-3] (those) trading of Sheba, Assyria, Chilmad, (were) trading you

[4] they (were) trading you with choice-garments:

[5-6] with clothes of blue and embroidery

[7-8] and with **carpets** of variegated-cloths – with cords, **being bound**,
and **(being)** tight – for your merchandise

[9] (the) ships of Tarshish (**were**) **traveling** (for) you, (with) your merchandise
[10] and you **were filled** –

[1-2] and **were laden**, **much**, in (the) heart of (the) seas

[3-4] into **waters**, **many**, (there) **brought** you, the, (those) **rowing** you

[5] a wind of the **east** **shattered** you in (the) heart of (the) seas!

[1-2] your **wealth** and your **wares**,

[3-5] your **merchandise**; your **sailors** and your **pilots**,

[6] (those) **making strong** [*caulking*] your breach,

[7] and (those) **exchanging** your merchandise,

[8] and all your **men** of war who **(are)** in you,

[9] and with all your **assembly** who **(are)** in your midst –

[10] they **fell** into (the) heart of (the) seas in (the) **day** of your fall!

[1] to (the) voice of (the) cry of your pilots, (there) **shake**, (the) open-lands

[2-3] and (there) **go down** from their ships, all (those) **seizing** (the) oar

[4-5] **mariners**, all **pilots** of the sea, to the land, **stand**

[6] and they **make heard**, over you, with their voice

[7] and they **cry out** bitterly

[8] and they **cast** dust upon their heads

[9] in ashes, they **wallow**

[10] and they **make bald**, for you, a baldness

[1] and they **gird** sackcloths

[2-3] and they **weep** for you with bitterness of soul, a **wail**, **bitter**

[4] and they **lift up** for you, in their wail, a lamentation

[5] and they **lament** over you:

[1] who **(is)** like **Tyre**?

[2] like (the) **silent-one** in (the) midst of the sea?

[3] in (there), **to go out**, your wares from (the) seas –

[4-5] you **satisfied peoples**, **many**

[6-7] with (the) **abundance** of your riches, and (with) your **merchandise**, you **made**
rich, kings of (the) earth

[8] **time**, (you **are**) **being shattered** by seas, in (the) depths of (the) waters

[9-10] your **merchandise** and all your **assembly** in your midst, **have fallen**!

[1-2] all (those) **inhabiting** the coastlands, **are appalled** over you

[3-4] and their kings **are horrified**, a horror [*bristling of hair*]; (there) **convulse**, faces

[5-6] (those) **trading** among (the) peoples, **whistle** over you

[7] terrors, you **are**

[8] and **there is not**, you, unto forever

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[8] and (there) **was**, (the) word of YHWH to me, **saying**
 [9-10] **son** of man, (**you**) **say** to (the) leader of Tyre

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[1-2] thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH

[9] because (there) **is proud**, your heart
 [10] and you **say**

[1] a god (**am**) I

[2] (the) seat of gods, I **inhabit** in (the) heart of (the) seas

[3-4] and you **are** a **man** and not a **god**!

[5-6] and **you make** your **heart** [reflexivity]

[7] as (the) **heart** of a god

[8] behold, wiser (**are**) you, than Daniel

[9-10] every, (it) **being concealed**, **is not hidden** to you

[1-2] by your **wisdom** and by your **understanding**, you **have made** for yourself
 wealth

[3-4] and you **have made gold** and **silver** in your treasures

[5] in (the) abundance of your wisdom, by your trade, you **have made great**,
 your wealth

[6] and (there) **is proud**, your heart, in your wealth

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[3-4] to this, thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH

[7-8] because **you have made** your **heart** [reflexivity]

[9] as (the) **heart** of a god

[5-6] to this, behold, I (**am**) **bringing** upon you **foreigners**, (the) **ruthless** of nations

[10] and they **will unsheathe** their swords upon the beauty of your wisdom

[1] and they **will profane** [“begin”] your splendor

[2] to (the) pit, they **will bring** you **down**

[3] and you **will die** (the) deaths of (the) slain in (the) heart of (the) seas

[4-5] **to say**, **will** you **say**

[1] “a god, (**am**) I”

[2] before (those) **slaying** you?

[3-4] and you (**are**) a **man** and not a **god**, in (the) **hand** of (those) **piercing** you?

[5] (the) deaths of (the) uncircumcised, you **will die**, by (the) **hand** of foreigners!

[7-8] because **I – I have spoken** – (**is**) (the) utterance of my Lord,

[9] YHWH

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A 36-fold measure may be used here, from Ezekiel’s age stature arising in chapter 26.

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1000-fold to 33:22

430-fold measure

[1] and (there) **was**, (the) word of YHWH to me, **saying**
 [2-3] **son** of man, (**you**) **raise** a lamentation over (the) king of Tyre
 [4] and you **shall say** to him

[10] thus **says** my **Lord** –

[1] YHWH

[1] you (**were**) **sealing measurement**
 [2] (**being**) full of **wisdom**
 [3] and (**being**) perfect in beauty
 [4-5] in **Eden** [*“pleasure, delight”*], (the) **garden** of God, you **were**
 [6-7] every **stone**, **precious**, (**was**) your cover [*covering*]:
 [8-10] **ruby**, **topaz**, and **diamond**
 [1-3] **beryl**, **onyx**, and **jasper**
 [4-6] **sapphire**, **turquoise**, and **emerald**
 [7] and **gold**
 [8-9] (the) work of your **timbrels** [*tambourines*] and your **sockets** in you, in (the) **day**
 of your, **to be created** –
 [10] they **were prepared**

[1-2] you (**were**) a **cherub** of anointment, the, (**he**) **covering**
 [2] and I **placed** you in (the) mountain of holiness
 [3-4] a **god**, **you became**
 [5] in (the) midst of (the) stones of fire, you **walked**
 [1-2] perfect, you (**were**), in your ways, from the **day** of your, **to be created** –
 [3] until, (there) **to be found**, unrighteousness, in you!
 [4] in (the) abundance of your trade, they **filled** your midst (with) violence
 [5] and you **sinned**

[3] and I **profaned** you from (the) mountain of God
 [4] and I **destroyed** you –

[1-2] [*O*] **cherub**, the, (**he**) **covering** – from (the) midst of (the) stones of fire
 [3] (there) **was proud**, your heart, in your beauty
 [4] you **corrupted** your wisdom upon your splendor

[5] upon (the) earth, I **flung** you
 [6] before kings, I **placed** you –
 [5] **to look** at you

[1] from (the) abundance of your iniquities, in (the) unrighteousness of your trade,
 you **profaned** [*“began”*] your sanctuaries

[7] and I **brought out** fire from your midst
 [2] it **devoured** you

[8] and I **set** you –
 [3] to **ash** upon the earth
 [4-5] to (the) eyes (**two**) of all (those) **seeing** you

[1-2] all (those) **knowing** you among (the) peoples, **are appalled** over you
 [3-4] **terrors**, **you have become**
 [5] and (there) **is not**, you, as far as forever!

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[5] and (there) **was**, (the) word of YHWH to me, **saying**
 [1-2] **son** of man, **(you)** **set** your faces toward Sidon
 [3] and **prophecy** upon her
 [4] and you **shall say**

[9-10] thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH

[1] behold I **(am)** against you, **[O]** Sidon

[2] and I **will be glorified** in your midst

[1] and they **will know**

[3-4] that I **(am)** YHWH, in My, **to do** in her, judgments

[5] and I **will be consecrated** in her

[6-7] and I **will send** into her, **pestilence**, and **blood** into her streets

[2-3] and (there) **will fall**, (the) slain, in her midst by (the) sword **(being)** against her
 from all-around

[4] and they **will know**

[8] that I **(am)** YHWH

[5-6] and (there) **will not be**, again, to (the) house of Israel, a brier, **pricking**

[7-8] and a thorn, **causing pain**, from all (those **being**) around them

[9] the, (those) **lashing** them

[10] and they **will know**

[9-10] that I **(am)** my **Lord**, YHWH

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[1-2] thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH

[3] in My, **to gather** (the) house of Israel from the peoples

[1] which, they **have scattered** them

[4-5] and I **will be consecrated** among them before (the) eyes **(two)** of the nations

[2] and they **will dwell** upon their land

[6-7] which I **gave** to My **servant**, to **Jacob**

[3] and they **will dwell** upon it, to security

[4-5] and they **will build** houses, and they **will plant** vineyards

[6] and they **will dwell**, to security

[8] in My, **to do** judgments among all the –

[7] (those) **lashing** them from all around them

[8] and they **will know**

● [9-10] that I **(am)** YHWH, their **God**

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[5-6] in (the) year, the tenth
 [7] in (the) tenth [month]
 [8-9] in two-ten [twelve] to (the) month, (there) was (the) word
 of YHWH to me, saying

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[10] son of man –

[1-2] (you) set your faces against Pharaoh, king of Egypt
 [3-5] and prophesy against him and against Egypt – all of her
 [6-7] speak, and you shall say

[1-2] thus says my Lord, YHWH

[3-5] behold, I (am) against you, [O] Pharaoh, king of Egypt –

[9-10] the dragon [serpent], the great!

[1] the, (he) lying down in (the) midst of his rivers

[2] which, he says

[3] “to me (is) my Nile

[4-5] and I – I made (it) for myself”

[1-2] and I will set hooks in your jaws (two)

[3] and I will make cling, (the) fish of your rivers, at your scales

[4-5] and I will draw you up from (the) midst of your rivers, and with every fish
 of your rivers –

[1] at your scales, it will cling –

[6] and I will abandon you toward the wilderness –

[2-3] you, and every fish of your rivers

[4] upon (the) faces of the field, you will fall

[5] you will not be collected

[6] and you will not be gathered

[7] to (the) beast of the earth,

[8-9] and to (the) bird of the heavens, I will give you, for food

[7-8] and (there) will know, all (those) inhabiting Egypt ←

[10] that I (am) YHWH

[9-10] because of their, to become a staff of reed to (the) house of Israel

[1] in their, to grasp at you by your hand –

[2] you were crushed!

[3] and you broke through, to them, every shoulder

[4] and in their, to lean upon you,

[5] you were shattered!

[1-2] and you made stand, to them, all loins (two)

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35 elements

Following the age-stature convention observed from chapter 1, Ezekiel’s age in this passage is 35 years old. A reflected 35-fold measure may be used here for a 70-fold stature of judgment rising against Egypt.

[1-2] to this, thus **says** my **Lord, YHWH**

[3] behold, I (**am**) **bringing** upon you a sword

[4-5] and I **will cut off** from you **man** and **beast**

[3-5] and (there) **will become**, (the) **land** of Egypt, to a **desolation** and a **waste**

[1] and they **will know**

[1] that I (**am**) YHWH

[2] because he **said**

[3] (the) Nile (**is**) to me

[4-5] and I – I **made** it!

[2-3] to this, behold, I (**am**) against **you** and against your **rivers**

[4] and I **will make** (the) **land** of Egypt –

[1] to **wastes** of drought

[2-3] a **desolation** from **Midgol** (to) Syene, and as far as (the) **border** of Cush

[4] (there) **will not pass through**, in it, a **foot** of man

[5] and a **foot** of beast **will not pass through**, in it

[1-2] and she **will not be inhabited**, **fours** [forty] **year**

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[5] and I **will make** (the) **land** of Egypt –

[3] a **desolation** in (the) midst of (the) lands **being desolated**

[4-5] and her cities – in (the) midst of (the) cities **being dried up** –

will be a desolation, **fours** [forty] **year**

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[1] and I **will scatter** Egypt among nations

[2] and I **will disperse** them among lands

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[3-4] for thus **says** my **Lord, YHWH**

[5-6] from (the) end of **fours** [forty] **year**, I **will gather** Egypt from the peoples

[1] which, they **are scattered** there

[7] and I **will turn back** (the) captivity of Egypt

[8-9] and I **will turn** them **back** (to) (the) **land** of Pathros, upon (the) **land** of their origin

[2-3] and they **will be**, there, a **kingdom**, **lowly**

[4] from the kingdoms, she **will be** lowly

[5] and she **will not be lifted up** again, over the nations

[10] and I **will make small**, them –

[6] lest (their), **to rule** among nations

[7-8] and **they will not be**, again, to (the) house of Israel, for **confidence**, **making remember**, iniquity –

[9] in their, **to turn** after them

[10] and they **will know**

[1-2] that I (**am**) my **Lord, YHWH**

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[8] and it happened –
 [9-10] in tens [twenty] –
 [1-7] and seven year
 [8] in (the) first [month]
 [9] in one to (the) month, (there) was (the) word of YHWH to me,
 saying
 [1-2] son of man – Nebuchadrezzar, king of Babylon, worked his army – a work,
 [3] great, toward Tyre
 [4] every head (was) being made bald
 [5] and every shoulder (was) being made bare
 [1-2] and a wage, (there) was not for him and for his army, from Tyre
 [3] upon the work which he worked against her
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 [3-4] to this, thus says my Lord, YHWH
 [5-6] behold, I (am) giving to Nebuchadrezzar, king of Babylon, (the) land of Egypt
 [4] and he will carry off her abundance
 [5] and he will despoil her spoil
 [6] and he will plunder her plunder
 [7] and it will be a wage for his army
 [8] his compensation, (for) which, he worked in her –
 [7] I have given to him (the) land of Egypt
 [9] which, they worked for Me
 [8-9] (is) (the) utterance of my Lord, YHWH
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 [10] in (the) day –
 [1] the that, I will make sprout, a horn, for (the) house of Israel
 [2] and to you, I will give (the) open [opening] of mouth in their midst
 [10] and they will know
 [3] that I (am) YHWH
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 [10] and (there) was, (the) word of YHWH to me, saying
 [1-2] son of man, (you) prophesy
 [3] and you shall say
 [4-5] thus says my Lord, YHWH

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52 elements

At this point, Ezekiel is 52 years old. Ezekiel's age stature may be used as a measure for the local context.

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[1] (you all) **wail**, “alas for (the) **day!**”
 [2] because near (**is**) (the) **day**
 [3] and near (**is**) (the) **day**, to YHWH –
 [4-5] a **day** of cloud, a **time** of nations, it **will be**
 [6] and (there) **will come**, a sword, into Egypt
 [7] and (there) **will be** anguish in Cush
 [8] in (there), **to fall**, (the) slain, in Egypt
 [9] and they **will take away** her wealth
 [10] and (there) **will be destroyed**, her foundations
 [1-4] **Cush** and **Put** and **Lud** and all the **mixed-company**
 [5-6] and **Chub** [*Libya*] and (the) **sons** of (the) land of the covenant with them,
 by (the) sword, **will fall**

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[1] thus **says** YHWH
 [7-8] and (there) **will fall**, (those) **supporting** Egypt
 [9] and (there) **will go down**, (the) pride of her might
 [10] from Migdol to Syene, by (the) sword, they **will fall** in her
 [2-3] (**is**) (the) utterance of my **Lord**, YHWH
 [1-2] and they **will be desolated** in (the) midst of (the) lands, **being desolated**
 [3-4] and his cities – in (the) midst of cities, **being dried up – will be**
 [5] and they **will know**
 [4] that I (**am**) YHWH
 [5] in My, **to set** a fire in Egypt
 [1-2] and (there) **will be broken**, all her, (those) **helping**
 [3-4] in (the) **day**, the **that**, (there) **will go out**, messengers from before Me
 in ships, **to terrify** Cush,
 [5] (**being**) (in) **security**
 [6] and (there) **will be** anguish among them in (the) **day** of Egypt
 [7] because behold – it (**is**) **coming!**

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[1-2] thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH
 [3-4] and I **will make cease**, (the) wealth of Egypt, by (the) hand of **Nebuchadrezzar**,
king of Babylon
 [8-10] **he** and his **people** with him – (the) **ruthless** of (the) nations – (**are**)
coming, to destroy the land
 [1] and they **will empty** [*unsheathe*] their swords upon Egypt
 [2] and they **will fill** the land (with) slain

[5] and I will make rivers –
 [3] a desolation
 [6] and I will sell the land into (the) hand of (the) evils
 [7-8] and I will make desolate, (the) land and her fullness in (the) hand of foreigners
 [9] I (am) YHWH!

[10] I have spoken

--- minor paragraph break¹²⁴ ---

[1-2] thus says my Lord, YHWH
 [3] and I will destroy idols
 [4] and I will make cease, images, from Noph [Memphis]
 [4] and a prince from (the) land of Egypt, (there) will not be again
 [5] and I will place fear in (the) land of Egypt
 [6] and I will make desolate, Pathros
 [7] and I will set a fire in Zoan
 [8] and I will execute judgments in No [Thebes]
 [9-10] and I will pour out My wrath upon Sin [Pelusium], (the) stronghold of Egypt
 [1] and I will cut off (the) multitude of No [Thebes]
 [2] and I will set a fire in Egypt
 [5-6] to writhe, (there) will writhe, Sin [Pelusium]
 [7-8] and No [Thebes] will become to, to be broken through
 [9-10] and Noph [Memphis] (will become) straights [distress] by-day
 [1-2] (the) young-men of On and Pi-Beseth, by (the) sword, will fall
 [3] and they, into captivity, will go
 [4] and in Tehaphnehes, (there) will refrain, the day –
 [3] in My, to break there, (the) yokes of Egypt
 [5-6] and (there) will cease in her, (the) pride of her might
 [7-8] (as for) her – a cloud will cover her
 [9] and her daughters, into captivity, will go
 [4] and I will execute judgments in Egypt
 [10] and they will know
 [5] that I (am) YHWH

--- major paragraph break¹²⁵ ---

[4] and it happened –
 [5] in one-of-ten [eleven] year
 [1] in (the) first [month]
 [2-8] in seven to (the) month, (there) was (the) word of YHWH to me,
 saying

52 elements

10

55 elements

Similar to the context and measures of 26:1, the present context drops back to Ezekiel at age 36. See the page below for a possible 36-fold reflected structure.

Here, a 55-fold measure may be used, as the span between the 7th day of the first month and the 1st day of the third month (inclusive), using 30 days / month for lunar months.

[1-2] son of man – (the) arm of Pharaoh, king of Egypt, I have broken
 [1-2] and behold, it is not bound up, to give remedies
 [3-4] to set a bandage, to bind it
 [5-6] it, to be strong, to grasp at a sword

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[3-4] to this, thus says my Lord, YHWH
 [5-6] behold, I (am) against Pharaoh, king of Egypt
 [7-8] and I will break his arms [general plural noun], the strong –
 [7] and the, (it) being broken –
 [9] and I will make fall, the sword, from his hand
 [10] and I will scatter Egypt among nations
 [1] and I will disperse them among lands
 [2] and I will make strong, (the) arms [general plural] of (the) king of Babylon
 [3] and I will place My sword into his hand
 [4] and I will break (the) arms [general plural] of Pharaoh
 [8] and he will groan, (the) groans of (the) slain, before Me
 [5] and I will strengthen, the arms [general plural] of (the) king of Babylon
 [9] and (the) arms [general plural] of Pharaoh will fall
 [10] and they will know
 [6] that I (am) YHWH
 [7] in My, to place My sword into (the) hand of (the) king of Babylon
 [1] and he will stretch it out toward (the) land of Egypt
 [8] and I will scatter Egypt among nations
 [9] and I will disperse them among lands
 [2] and they will know
 [10] that I (am) YHWH

--- minor paragraph break¹²⁷ ---

[9] and it happened, in one-of-ten [eleven] year
 [10] in (the) third [month]
 [1] in one to (the) month, (there) was (the) word of YHWH
 to me, saying
 [2-3] son of man, (you) say to Pharaoh,
 [4] king of Egypt
 [5] and to his multitude
 [3] to whom will you be like in your greatness?

55 elements

30:26

10 31:1

36 elements

[4-5] behold, Assyria (was) a cedar in Lebanon, beautiful of branch

[6] and a forest, making shade

[7] and high of height

[8] and between (the) clouds was its top

[9] waters made it great

[10] (the) deep exalted it

[1] its rivers (were) going all-around its planting-place

[2] and its channels sent forth to all (the) trees of the field

[3] upon thus, (there) is higher, its height, than all trees of the field

[4] and (there) are many, its boughs

[5-6] and (there) are long, its branches, from waters, many, in its, to send forth

[7] in its boughs, (there) nests, every bird of the heavens

[8] and under its branches, (there) gives birth, every beast of the field

[9-10] and in its shadow, (there) dwell, all nations, great

[1-2] and it was beautiful in its greatness, in (the) length of its branches

[3-4] because (there) was, its root, toward waters, many

[5] (the) cedars did not overshadow it in (the) garden of God

[6] (the) fir-trees were not similar to its boughs

[7] and (the) plane-trees were not, like its branches

[8] every tree in (the) garden of God was not like, to it, in its beauty

[1] beautiful, I made it, in (the) multitude of its branches

[9] and (there) were jealous of it, all (the) trees of Eden

[10] which (are) in the garden of God

--- minor paragraph break¹²⁸ ---

[2-3] to this, thus says my Lord, YHWH –

[1] because of which – you are exalted in height! –

[2] and it set its top to, between (the) clouds

[3] and (there) was proud, its heart, in its height

[4] and I will give it into (the) hand of a ruler of nations

[4-5] to do, he will do to it, according to its wickedness

[5] I have cast it out!

[1-2] and (there) cut it down, foreigners, (the) ruthless of nations

[3] and they forsook it to the mountains

[4] and among all (the) valleys, (there) fell, its branches

[5] and (there) were broken, its boughs, in all ravines of the earth

[1] and (there) went down from its shadow, all peoples of the earth

[2] and they forsook it

[3] upon its overthrow, (there) dwell, every bird of the heavens

[4] and to its branches are every beast of the field

36 elements

36 elements

[5] for the sake of which, (there) **will not be exalted** in their height, all trees of waters
 [6] and they **will not set** their tops to, between (the) clouds
 [7-8] and (there) **will not stand** toward them, in their height, all (those) **drinking** waters
 [9] because all of them **are given over** to **death** –
 [10] to (the) **land**,
 [1] **below** – in (the) midst of (the) sons of Adam
 [2] to (those) **going down** to (the) pit

--- minor paragraph break¹²⁹ ---

[1-2] thus **says** my **Lord**, **YHWH**
 [3] in (the) **day** of its, **to go down** to Sheol [*death's place*]
 [3-4] I **caused to mourn**, I **covered** over it (with) (the) deep
 [5] and I **withheld** its rivers
 [4-5] and (there) **were restrained**, **waters**, **many**
 [6] and I **caused to mourn** over it, Lebanon
 [1] and all trees of the field, over it, **grew faint**
 [7] from (the) sound of its fall, I **made quake**, nations
 [8] in My, **to make** (there) **go down**, it, to Sheol [*death's place*]
 [2] with (those) **going down** (to) (the) pit ←

[3-4] and (there) **were comforted** in (the) **land**, **below**, all (the) trees of Eden, →
 [5-6] (the) **choice** (one) and (the) **pleasant** (one) of Lebanon,
 [7] all (those) **drinking** waters
 [8] also **they**, with it –
 [9] **they went down** to Sheol [*death's place*],
 [10] to (the) **slain** of sword

[1-2] and its arm – they **dwelled** in its **shadow**, in (the) **midst** of (the) nations ←
 [3] to whom **are you like** – →
 [4-5] thus – in **glory** and in **greatness**, among (the) trees of Eden?
 [6-7] and you **will be brought down** with (the) trees of Eden, to (the) **land**, **lower**
 [8] in (the) midst of (the) uncircumcised, you **will lie down** with (the) slain of sword
 [9-10] it (**is**) **Pharaoh** and all his **multitude**!

[9-10] (**is**) (the) utterance of my **Lord**, **YHWH** ← 31:18 →

--- minor paragraph break¹³⁰ ---

36 elements

10 elements

10 elements

A 20-fold reprise may begin here, as a reflection of 10-folds.

[1-2] and it happened, in two-of-ten [twelve] year 10 32:1
 [3-4] in two-of-ten [twelve] month 10
 [5] in one to (the) month, (there) was (the) word of YHWH
 to me, saying

[1-2] son of man, (you) raise a lamentation over Pharaoh,
 [3] king of Egypt
 [4] and you shall say to him

[1] a young-lion of nations, you are considered
 [2] and [but] you (are) like a dragon in (the) seas
 [3] and you burst forth in your rivers
 [4-5] and you stirred up waters with your feet (two)
 [6] and you polluted their rivers

[1-2] thus says my Lord, YHWH

[3-4] and I will spread out upon you, My net, with an assembly of peoples, many
 [7] and they will make you go up in My dragnet

[5] and I will leave you on (the) land

[6] upon (the) faces of the field, I will hurl you

[7] and I will make dwell upon you, every bird of the heavens

[8] and I will satisfy from you, (the) beast of all the earth

[9] and I will give over, your flesh, upon the mountains

[10] and I will fill the valleys (with) your stature [height]

[1] and I will make drink, (the) land, your out-flow from your blood, to the mountains

[8] and (the) ravines will be filled from you

[2-3] and I will cover – in, to extinguish you – (the) heavens

[4] and I will make dark, their stars

[5] (as for the) sun – with a cloud, I will cover it

[6] and (as for the) moon – (there) will not shine, its light

[7] (as for) all (the) luminaries of light in (the) heavens – I will make them dark over you

[8-9] and I will set darkness upon your land – (is) (the) utterance of my Lord, YHWH

[10] and I will make angry, (the) heart of peoples,

[1] many, in My, to bring your destruction among nations,

[2] upon lands which, you did not know them

[3-4] and I will make appalled over you, peoples, many

[9] and their kings will bristle over you, a horror [bristling of hair]

[5] in My, to make fly, my sword, upon their faces

[10] and they will tremble to moments – a man for his soul – in (the) day of your
 downfall

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37 elements

Ezekiel is now 37 years old. The “lamentation” may be structured with a reflected 37-fold literary stature, resulting in Ezekiel’s own commission to “wail” over Egypt’s multitude.

[1-2] for thus says my Lord, YHWH

[1] (the) sword of (the) king of Babylon will come (to) you

[3-5] with (the) swords of (the) mighty – I will make fall, your multitude – (the) ruthless of nations, all of them

[2] and they will devastate (the) majesty of Egypt

[3] and (there) will perish, all her multitude

[1-2] and I will make perish, her every beast, from upon waters, many

[4] and (there) will not stir them up, a foot of man, again

[5] and (the) hoofs of a beast will not stir them up

[3] then I will make sink, their waters

[4-5] and their rivers, like oil, I will make go – (is) (the) utterance of my Lord, YHWH

[1] in My, to make (the) land of Egypt –

[1] a desolation

[2] and (there) being desolate, (the) land, from her fullness

[2] in My, to smite all those,

[3] dwelling in her

[4] and they will know

[3] that I (am) YHWH

[5] a lamentation, it (is)

[6] and they will lament her

[7] (the) daughters of the nations will lament her

[8-9] upon Egypt and upon all her multitude, they will lament her

[4-5] (is) (the) utterance of my Lord, YHWH

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[5] and it happened –

[1-2] in two-of-ten [twelve] year

[3-7] in five-ten [fifteen] to (the) month, (there) was (the) word of YHWH to me, saying

[8-9] son of man, (you) wail over (the) multitude of Egypt

[10] and make it go down –

[1-2] her and (the) daughters of nations,

[3-4] noble – to (the) land, below

[10] with (those) going down (to) (the) pit

[1] (more) than whom, are you lovely?

[2-3] go down and be laid-to-rest with (the) uncircumcised!

[4] in (the) midst of (the) slain of sword, they fell

[5] a sword has been set!

37 elements

10 x 10 = 100 elements

10
10

[1-2] they **will drag her along**, and all her **multitude**
 [3] and (there) **will speak** to it [*to them*], (the) rulers of (the) mighty, from (the) midst of Sheol [*death's place*]
 [4-5] with (those) **helping** it [*them*], they **go down**
 [1-2] (there) **lie down**, the **uncircumcised**, **slain** of sword
 [3-4] there (**are**) **Assyria** and all her **company**
 [5] all-around it (**are**) its graves
 [1-2] all of them (**are**) slain, the, (those) **having fallen** by (the) sword
 [3-4] which, (there) **are set**, her graves, in the sides (**two**) of (the) pit
 [5] and (there) **was**, her company, all-around her grave
 [1-2] all of them (**are**) slain, **having fallen** by (the) sword
 [3] which, they **set** terror in (the) land of (the) alive
 [4] there (**is**) Elam
 [5] and all her multitude (**is**) all-around her grave
 [1-2] all of them (**are**) slain, the, (those) **falling** by (the) sword
 [3-4] which, **they went down**, **uncircumcised**, to (the) land,
 [5] (the) **lower-parts**
 [1] which, they **set** their terror in (the) land of (the) alive
 [2-3] and they **bore** their disgrace with (those) **going down** (to) (the) pit
 [4] in (the) midst of (the) slain, they **set** a bed for her with all her multitude
 [5] all-around it (**were**) her graves
 [1-2] all of them (**were**) **uncircumcised**, **slain** of (the) sword
 [3] because (there) **was set**, (the) terror of them, in (the) land of (the) alive
 [4-5] and they **bore** their disgrace with (those) **going down** (to) (the) pit
 [1] in (the) midst of (the) slain, it **was placed**
 [2-4] there (**are**) **Meshech**, **Tubal**, and **all** her multitude
 [5] all-around it (**are**) her graves
 [1-2] all of them (**are**) uncircumcised, (those) **being pierced** by (the) sword
 [3] because they **set** their terror in (the) land of (the) alive
 [4-5] and they **do not lie down** with (the) mighty, (those) **having fallen** from (among) (the) uncircumcised
 [1] which, they **go down** (to) Sheol with (the) weapons of their warfare
 [2] and they **placed** their swords under their heads
 [3] and (there) **are**, their iniquities, upon their bones
 [4] because (the) terror of (the) mighty (**was**) in (the) land of (the) alive
 [5] and **you** –

[1] in (the) midst of (the) uncircumcised, **you will be broken!**

[2] and you **will lie down** with (the) slain of (the) sword!

[3-5] there **(are)** Edom, her **kings**, and **all** her princes

[1] which, they **were placed** in their might, with (the) slain of (the) sword

[2] they, with (the) uncircumcised, **lie down**

[3] and with (those) **going down** (to) (the) pit

[4-5] there **(are)** (the) **princes** of (the) north, **all** of them

[1] and all (the) **Sidonians**

[2-3] which, they **went down** with (the) **slain**, with their **terrors** – from their might, **being ashamed**

[4-5] and **they lay down**, **uncircumcised**, with (the) slain of (the) sword

[1-2] and they **bore** their disgrace with (those), **going down** (to) (the) pit

[3-4] them – (there) **will see**, Pharaoh – and he **will be comforted** over all his multitude

[5] (the) **slain** of sword –

[1-2] **Pharaoh** and all his **army**

[1-2] **(is)** (the) utterance of my **Lord, YHWH**

[3] for I **set** his terror in (the) land of (the) alive

[3] and he **will be laid-to-rest** in (the) midst of (the) uncircumcised, with (the) slain of (the) sword –

[4-5] **Pharaoh** and **all** his multitude

● [4-5] **(is)** (the) utterance of my **Lord, YHWH**

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[5] and (there) **was**, (the) word of YHWH to me, **saying**

33:1

[1-2] **son** of man, **(you)** **speak** to (the) sons of your people

[3] and you **shall say** to them

[1] (the) land which, I **bring** upon her a sword

[1] and (there) **take**, (the) people of the land, a **man**, **one**, from their ends

[2] and they **make him**, for themselves –

[4] to **(him)** **watching**

[5] and he **sees** the sword,

[3] **coming** upon the land

[6] and he **blows** at (the) trumpet

[7] and he **warns** the people

[4-5] and (there) **hears** – the, (he) **listening** – (the) sound of the trumpet –

[1] and he **does not heed-the-warning**

[2] and (there) **comes**, (the) sword

[3] and it **takes** him –

[4] his blood, upon his head, **will be**
 [5] (the) sound of the trumpet, he **heard** –
 [6] and **did not heed-the-warning**
 [7] his blood, on him, **shall be**
 [8-10] and **he** – (had) **he heeded-the-warning** – his life, **he** (would have) **saved**

[8] and the, (he) **watching** –
 [9] when he **sees** the sword,

[1] **coming**
 [10] and he **does not blow** at (the) trumpet

[2] and the people **are not warned**
 [3] and (there) **comes**, (the) sword –
 [4] and it **takes** from them, a soul
 [5] he, in his iniquity, **is taken away**

[1] and his blood, from (the) hand of the, (him) **watching** –

[2] I **will seek**!

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[2-3] and **you, son** of man –
 [4] (him) **watching**,

[3] I **have made you** to (the) house of Israel
 [5] and you **will hear** from My mouth, a word
 [6] and you **shall warn** them from Me

[4] in My, **to say** to (the) wicked
 [1-2] [O] **wicked** – **to die, you shall die!** –
 [7-8] and you **do not speak, to warn** (the) wicked from his way –
 [3-4] **he**, (the) **wicked** –
 [5] in his iniquity, **he will die**

[5] and his blood, from your **hand**, I **will seek**!

[9-10] and **you** – when **you warn** (the) wicked from his way

[1] **to turn back** from it
 [2] and he **does not turn back** from his way –
 [3] he, in his iniquity, **will die**

[1] and you, your soul, **have delivered**

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[2-3] and **you, son** of man –

[4] (**you**) **say** to (the) house of Israel
 [4-5] thus you **have spoken, saying**

[1-2] when our **transgressions** and our **sins** (**are**) upon us, and in them we (**are**)
rotting away

[3] and how **will** we **live**?

[5] **say** to them

[1-2] alive (**am**) I – (**is**) (the) utterance of my **Lord, YHWH** –

[3] surely, I **do not delight** in (the) death of the wicked

[4] but in (there), **to turn back**, (the) wicked, from his way

[5] and he **lives**!

[6-7] **turn back, turn back**, from your **ways**, the **evil**!

[8-9] and for what **should you die**, [**O**] **house** of Israel?

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[1-2] and **you, son** of man –

[3] (**you**) **say** to (the) sons of your people

[10] (the) righteousness of the righteous **will not deliver** him in (the) **day** of his
transgression

[1-2] and (the) wickedness of the wicked – he **will not stumble** in it in (the) **day** of
his, **to turn back** from his wickedness

[3-5] and (the) righteous **will not be able**, **to live** in it, in (the) **day** of his, **to sin**

[4] in My, **to say** to (the) righteous

[1-2] **to live**, he **shall live** –

[3] and he **trusts** upon his righteousness

[4-5] and he **does** injustice – all his righteousness **will not be remembered**

[1-2] and in his **injustice** which he **has done** – in **it**, he **will die**

[5] and in My, **to say** to (the) wicked

[3-4] **to die**, you **shall die**! –

[5] and he **turns back** from his sin

[1-2] and he **does judgment** and **righteousness**

[3] a pledge, (there) **returns**, (the) wicked

[4] plunder, he **restores**

[5-6] in (the) statutes of the alive, he **walks** – lest, **to do** injustice

[7-8] **to live**, he **will live**

[9] he **will not die**!

[10] all his sins which he **sinned** –

[1] they **will not be remembered** against him

[2-3] **judgment** and **righteousness**, he **has done**

[4-5] **to live**, he **will live**!

[6] and (there) **say**, (the) sons of your people

[1] “(there) **is not equitable**, (the) way of my Lord”

[7] and they – their way **is not equitable**

[8] in (there), **to turn**, (the) righteous, from his righteousness
 [9] and he **does** injustice –
 [10] and he **will die** in them
 [1] and in (there), **to turn back**, (the) wicked, from his wickedness
 [2-3] and he **does judgment** and **righteousness**
 [4] upon them, he **will live!**
 [5] and you **say**

[2] “(there) **is not equitable**, (the) way of my Lord”
 [3-4] a man, according to his ways, I **will judge you**, [O] **house** of Israel!

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[1] and it **happened** –
 [2-3] in **two** of **ten** [twelve] **year**
 [4] in (the) **tenth** [month]
 [5-9] in **five** to (the) **month**, to our captivity, (there) **came** to me, the
 fugitive from Jerusalem, **saying**
 [10] (there) **has been struck**, the city!

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[5] and (the) **hand** of YHWH **had been** upon me at **evening**
 [1] **before** (there), **to come**, the fugitive
 [6] and He **opened** my mouth
 [2] **as far as** (his), **to come** to me at **morning**
 [4] and (there) **was opened**, my mouth
 [5] and I **was not mute**, longer

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6 elements

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[1] and (there) **was**, (the) word of YHWH to me, **saying**
 [3] son of man – (those) **inhabiting** the **waste-places**,
 [4-5] the **these**, upon (the) land of Israel, (**are**) **speaking**, **to say**
 [1] **one was** Abraham
 [2] and he **possessed** the land
 [3] and we (**are**) many
 [4-5] to us, (there) **is given**, the **land**, for a **possession!**

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[2] to this, **say** to them
 [7-8] thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH
 [1] upon [with] the blood, you **eat**
 [2-3] and your eyes (**two**), you **lift up** toward your idols
 [4] and blood, you **pour out** [shed]
 [5] and the land, **shall** you **possess?**

Following the conventions observed from the beginning of Ezekiel, the prophet may be 37 years old here.

A 1000-fold stature may arise from this location, with reverse directionality as shown, and reaching back toward the 430 + 70 = 500-fold “sign” stature of Ezekiel arising in chapter 24. There, Ezekiel was made “mute” until a fugitive would come and announce the fall of Jerusalem. This sign is fulfilled in present context, here in chapter 33. The 1000-fold and 500-fold statures intersect in chapter 28, where the underlying spiritual realities – specifically, the influence of Satan – are being confronted.

- [1] you **stand** [*rely*] upon your sword
- [2] you **commit** abomination
- [3] and a man, the wife of his neighbor – you **defile**
- [4] and the land, **shall** you **possess**?

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- [3] thus you **shall say** to them
- [9-10] thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH
- [1] alive (**am**) I –
- [5-6] surely which, (those **being**) in waste-places – with a sword, they **will fall**
- [7] and which, (those **being**) upon (the) faces of the field –
- [2] to (the) beast, I **will give** him, for his food
- [8-9] and which, (those **being**) in **strongholds** and in **caves** –
- [10] with pestilence, **they will die**
- [3] and I **will make** the **land** –
- [1-2] a **desolation** and a **waste**
- [3] and (there) **will cease**, (the) pride of her might
- [4] and (there) **will be desolate**, (the) mountains of Israel
- [5] from, **there is not**, (he) **passing through**
- [1] and they **will know**
- [4] that I (**am**) YHWH
- [5] in My, **to make** the **land** –
- [2-3] a **desolation** and a **waste**, upon [*because of*] all their abominations
- [4] which they **did**

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- [5-6] and **you**, **son** of man – (the) sons of your people
- [7] the, (**those**) **speaking** together against you beside the walls
- [8] and at (the) **openings** of the houses
- [9] and they **say**, one with one,
- [10] a man with his brother, **saying**
- [1-2] **come** now, and **hear** –
- [3-4] what (**is**) the word, the, (it) **going out** from with YHWH
- [5] and they **will come** to you as the entry of people
- [6] and (there) **will sit** before you, My people
- [7] and they **will hear** your words
- [8] and them, they **will not do**
- [9] because (with) lusts in their mouth, they (**are**) **toiling**
- [10] after their unjust-gain, their heart (**is**) **going**

[4] and behold, you (are) to them like a song of lusts

[5-6] beautiful of voice, and (it) being pleasant, to play (musically)

[1] and they will hear your words

[2] and their doing – there is not – them [the words]

[3] and in her, to come –

[4] behold, it (is) coming! –

[5] and they will know

[7] that a prophet has been in their midst!

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[8] and (there) was, (the) word of YHWH to me, saying

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[9-10] son of man, (you) prophesy –

[1] over (those) shepherding Israel

[1-2] prophesy, and you shall say to them –

[2] to (those) shepherding

[1-2] thus says my Lord, YHWH

[3] ah, (those) shepherding Israel

[4-5] which, they are, feeding [“shepherding”] themselves!

[1-2] should not – the sheep – (there) feed [“shepherd”], the, (those) shepherding?

[3-4] the fat, you eat; and the wool, you wear

[5] the fat [ones], you slaughter-for-sacrifice

[6] the sheep, you do not feed [“shepherd”]

[7-8] the, (those) being weak, you do not strengthen

[9-10] and the, (those) being sick, you do not heal

[1-2] and to (those) being shattered, you do not bind up

[3-4] and the, (those) straying, you do not turn back

[5-6] and the, (those) being lost, you do not seek

[7-8] and with force, you rule them, and with severity

[9-10] and they were scattered from lack of (him) shepherding

[1-2] and they became, for food for every beast of the field

[3] and they were scattered

[4] (there) wandered, My sheep, among all the mountains

[5] and upon every hill, being high

[6] and upon all faces of the land, (there) were scattered, My sheep

[7] and there was not, (he) searching

[8] and there was not, (he) seeking

[9-10] to this, (you) shepherding – hear (the) word of YHWH:

[3-4] alive (am) I – (is) (the) utterance of my Lord, YHWH

[1] surely, because (there) to be – My sheep – for a prey

[2] and (there) to be – My sheep – for food for every beast of the field

[3] from, **there is not**, (he) **shepherding**
 [4-5] and (there) **does not seek**, My, (he) **shepherding**, My sheep
 [6-7] and (there) **feed** [*“shepherd”*], the, (those) **shepherding**, **themselves**
 [8] and My sheep, they **do not feed** [*“shepherd”*]

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[9] to this, the, (those) **shepherding** –
 [10] (you) **hear** (the) word of YHWH

[5-6] thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH
 [7] behold, I (**am**) against the –
 [1] (those) **shepherding**
 [8] and I **will seek** My sheep from their hand
 [9] and I **will make** them **cease** from –
 [2] **to shepherd** (the) sheep
 [3-4] and (there) **will not feed** [*“shepherd”*] again, the, (those) **shepherding**,
themselves
 [10] and I **will deliver** My sheep from their mouth
 [5-6] and **they will not become** to them, for **food**

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[1-2] for thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH
 [3-4] behold I, **Myself** –
 [5] even I **will search** for My sheep
 [6] and I **will seek** them
 [7-8] as (the) care of (Him) **shepherding** his flock in (the) **day** of His, **to be** in (the) midst of his
 sheep –
 [7] (those) **being scattered** –
 [9] thus I **will seek** My sheep
 [10] and I **will deliver** them from all the places
 [8-9] which, they **are scattered** there in a **day** of **cloud** and **thick-darkness**
 [1] and I **will bring** them **out** from the peoples
 [2] and I **will gather** them from the lands
 [3] and I **will bring** them to their land
 [4-5] and I **will shepherd** them toward (the) mountains of Israel, among (the) **ravines** and
 among all (the) **dwelling-places** of the land
 [6-7] in a **pasture**, **good**, I **will feed** [*shepherd*] them
 [10] and among mountains of (the) height of Israel, **will be** their pasture
 [1-2] there, they **will lie down** in a **pasture**, **good**
 [3-4] and (in) a **pasture**, **fat**, they **will feed** toward (the) mountains of Israel
 [8] I **will shepherd** My sheep
 [9-10] and I **will make** them **lie down** – (is) (the) utterance of my **Lord**, YHWH

[5] the, (those) **being lost** –
 [1] I **will seek**
 [6] and the, (those) **wandering** –
 [2] I **will turn back**
 [7] and to (those) **being shattered** –
 [3] I **will bind up**
 [8] and the, (those) **being sick** –
 [4] I **will strengthen**
 [9-10] and the **fat** and the **strong** –
 [5] I **will destroy**
 [1] I **will shepherd** her with judgment
 [1-2] and **you**, My **sheep** –
 [2-3] thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH
 [4-5] behold I (**am**) **judging** between **sheep**, to **sheep**
 [6-7] to **rams**, and to **male-goats**
 [3-4] **is** (there) little, for you, the **pasture**, the **good** –
 [5] you **feed** [*“shepherd”*] –
 [1-2] and (the) remainder of your pastures, you **trample** with your feet (**two**)?
 [3] and (the) clarity of waters, you **drink**
 [4] and (those) **remaining-over** –
 [5-6] with your feet (**two**), you **pollute**?
 [7-8] and My sheep, (the) trampling-place of your feet (**two**), **eat** [*“shepherd”*]?
 [9-10] and (the) pollution of your feet (**two**), they **drink**?

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[8-9] to this, thus **says** my **Lord**, YHWH, to them
 [10] behold, I,
 [1-2] **Myself** – even I **will judge** between (the) **sheep**,
 [3] **fat**
 [4-5] and between (the) **sheep**, **lean**
 [1-2] because with (the) **side** and with (the) **shoulder**, you **push**
 [3-4] and with your horns (**two**), you **thrust**
 [5] all the, (those) **being weak**
 [6] unto which, you **scatter** them to the outside
 [1] and I **will deliver**, for My sheep
 [7-8] and **they will not become**, again, for a **prey**
 [2-3] and I **will judge** between **sheep**, to **sheep**
 [4] and I **will raise up** over them
 [9] (him) **shepherding**, **one**
 [10] and he **will shepherd** them:

[1-2] My servant, David
 [3] he will feed ["shepherd"] them
 [4-5] and he will become to them, to (he), shepherding
 [5-7] and I, YHWH, will be to them, to God
 [1-2] and My servant, David, (will be) a prince in their midst
 [8] I (am) YHWH –
 [9] I have spoken!
 [10] and I will cut for them a covenant of peace
 [1-2] and I will make cease, (the) beast, evil, from the land
 [3] and they will dwell in (the) wilderness in security
 [4] and they will sleep in forests
 [3-4] and I will make them and all-around My hill –
 [5] a blessing
 [5] and I will make (there) go down, the rain, in its time
 [6] rains of blessing, they will be
 [7] and (there) will give, (the) tree of the field, its fruit
 [8] and the land will give her produce
 [9] and they will be upon their land, in security
 [10] and they will know –
 [1] that I (am) YHWH
 [2] in My, to break (the) bars of their yoke
 [3] and I will deliver them from (the) hand of the –
 [1] (those) enslaving them
 [2] and they will not be, longer, a prey for nations
 [3] and (the) beast of the land will not devour them
 [4] and they will dwell in security
 [5] and there is not, (he) making afraid
 [4] and I will raise up for them a planting-place, for renown
 [1] and they will not be, longer, being consumed by famine in (the) land
 [2] and they will not bear, longer, (the) reproach of the nations
 [3] and they will know
 [5-6] that I (am) YHWH, their God, with them
 [4-5] and they (are) My people – (the) house of Israel
 [7-8] (is) (the) utterance of my Lord, YHWH
 [1-2] and you (all), My sheep –
 [3-4] (the) sheep of My pasture – human! –
 [5] you –
 [9-10] I (am) your God – (is) (the) utterance of My Lord, YHWH

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