ZEPHANIAH.

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°THE word of °the LORD which °came 1 unto ° Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of o Hizkiah, in the days of Josiah the son of

Amon, king of Judah.

2 "I will outterly consume all things from

off othe land, saith the LORD.

3 °I will 2 consume ° man and beast; I will ² consume the fowls of the heaven, ° and the fishes of the sea, °and the °stumblingblocks "with "the wicked; and I will cut off "man from off the 2 land, 2 saith 1 the LORD.

4 I will also stretch out 'Mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the 'remnant of Baal from this place, 'and the name of the 'Chemarims with the priests;

5 And them that °worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and them that worship and that swear by 1 the LORD, and that swear

by ° Malcham:

6 And them that are turned back ofrom 1 the LORD; and those that have not o sought othe LORD, nor enquired for Him.

BEG 7 °Hold thy peace at the presence of °the Lord °GOD: for the day of 1the LORD is at hand: for 1the LORD hath prepared °a sacrifice, He hath obid his guests.

8 And it shall come to pass in othe oday of 1 the LORD's sacrifice, that I will opunish the princes, and the king's °children, and all such as are clothed with °strange apparel.

9 In the same day also will I punish all othose that leap on the threshold, which fill their masters' houses with oviolence and

10 And it shall come to pass in that day,

1. 1-3. 8 (A¹, p. 1271). MINATORY. (Alternations and Introversion.)

A | C | 1.1-3. Judgments. General. The Land. D | 1.4-6. Judah and Jerusalem.

B | E | 1.7-18. The Day of Jehovah.

F | 2.1-3. Call to Repentance.

A | C | 2.4-15. Judgments. General. Nations. D | 3. 1-5. Jerusalem.

B | F | 3. 6, 7. Charge of Impenitence.

E | 3. 8. The Day of Jehovah.

1 The word, &c. Cp. Hos. 1. 1. Joel 1. 1. Mic. 1. 1. the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.

came = became: i.e. came to, or was communicated. Cp. Luke 3. 2. See Ap. 82.

Zephaniah = hidden of Jehovah, or he whom Jehovah hath hidden (Pss. 27.5; 31.19, 20; 83.3). For the connection see 2.3.

Hizkiah = Hezekiah. nection see 2. 3.

2 utterly consume. Note the Fig. Paronomasia (Ap. 6), for emphasis. Heb. ' $\bar{a}soph$ ' $\bar{a}s\bar{e}ph$ = to end, I end.

consume = take away, or make an end of.

all. Omit "things". = All; as in Job 42. 2. Ps. 8. 6. Isa. 44. 24.

the land. Fig. Pleonasm (Ap. 6) = the face of the land = soil, or ground. land. saith the LORD = [is] Jehovah's oracle.

3 I will consume. Note the Fig. Anaphora (Ap. 6).

Three times repeated. man. Heb. $\sqrt{a}dam$ with $\sqrt{e}th = \text{humanity}$. Ap. 14. I. and. Note the Fig. Polysyndeton (Ap. 6), for emphasis. stumblingblocks = ruin. Occurs only here, and Isa. 3. 6. Fig. Metalepsis. Ap. 6. "Stumblingblocks" put

first for the idols and idolatry, and then idolatry put for the ruin brought about by them.

with = together with. Heb. 'eth.

the wicked = the lawless ones. Heb. rāshā'. Ap. 44. x. 4 Mine hand. Fig. Anthropopatheia. Ap. 6. remnant. Sept. reads "names", reading shem instead

of $sh^{e}\bar{u}r$, as in the next clause. and. Some codices, with three early printed editions, Aram., Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read this "and" in the text.

Chemarims = $K^e marim$ = black-robed, or cassocked.

From Heb. Kāmar, to be black. Used of idolatrous priests because so clothed; not Kohēn, as appointed by Jehovah. Occurs only here; 2 Kings 23 5, and Hos. 10. 5. 5 worship the host of heaven. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 4. 19; 17. 3). Ap. 92. Cp. 2 Kings 23. 11, 12. Jer. 19. 13. Malcham=king-god, or king-idol. Syr. and Vulg. read "Milcom". 6 from=from after. sought . . . enquired. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 4. 29, where the two Heb. verbs are in the same order, and are rendered "seek . . . seek"). Ap. 92. LORD. Heb. Jehovah (with 'eth)=Jehovah Himself.

1. 7-18 (E, above). THE DAY OF JEHOVAH. (Alternation.)

E | G | 7. Its nearness. H | 8-13. Judgments. $G \mid 14-16$. Its nearness. $H \mid 17, 18$. Judgments.

7 Hold thy peace, &c. See Amos 6. 10. Hab. 2. 20. Zech. 3. 13. VIII (2). GOD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II. a the Lord. Heb. Adonai. Ap. 4. a sacrifice. Sept. reads "His sacrifice". bid=separated. Heb. sanctified. See note on Ex. 3. 5.

1. 8-13 (H, above). JUDGMENTS. (Alternation.)

H | J | 8. Princes. K | 9. People. J | 10, 11. Merchants. K | 12, 13. People.

day. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of 8 the day of the Lord's sacrifice. See notes on Isa. 2. 12; 13. 6. punish = visit upon. Ref. to Pent. (Ex. 32. 34). Ap. 92. Adjunct), Ap. 6, for the judgments executed in it. Cp. Jer. 9, 25; 11, 22; 13, 21, &c. children = sons: i.e. the royal house. Cp. 1 Kings 22, 26, 2 Kings 11. 2. Jer. 36. 26; 38. 6, &c. strange = foreign. 9 those that leap, &c. No reference to idolatrous practice, as in 1 Kings 18. 26; but to the servants of rulers sent to enter the houses of others and steal. Fig. Periphrasis (Ap. 6), for robbers. on=over. violence and deceit. Put by Fig. Metonymy 9 those that leap, &c. No reference to idolatrous (of Cause), Ap. 6, for the booty procured.

² saith ¹ the LORD, that there shall be ^o the noise of a cry from the fish gate, and an howling from othe second, and a great crashing from the hills.

11 Howl, ye inhabitants of ° Maktesh, for all the merchant people are ocut down; all they that bear silver are cut off.

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12 And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with ° candles, and punish the omen that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, 1. The LORD will not do good, neither will He do ° evil.

13 Therefore their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation: "they shall also build houses, but not inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the 'wine thereof.

14 ° The great 8 day of 1 the LORD ° is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly, even the voice of 8 the 8 day of 1 the LORD: the omighty man shall cry there bitterly.

15 That 8 day is a day of ° wrath, a day of °trouble sand distress, a day of wasteness sand desolation, a day of darkness 3 and gloominess, a day of clouds 3 and thick darkness,

16 Å day of othe trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high otowers.

17 And I will bring distress upon 3 men, that o they shall walk like blind men, because they have 'sinned against 1 the LORD: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung.

18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD'S wrath; but the whole 'land shall be devoured by the fire of His jealousy: ° for He shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the $^{\circ}$ land,"

°Gather yourselves together, yea, °gather 2 together, O nation onot desired;

2 Before the decree bring forth, before the oday pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of othe LORD come upon you, before the day of the LORD's anger come upon you.

3 'Seek ye 'the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought His 'judgment; seek righteousness, 'seek meekness: it may be 'ye shall be hid in the 2 day of the 2 LORD'S

anger.

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4 °For °Gaza shall be °forsaken, and °Ashkelon a °desolation: they shall drive out °Ashdod °at the noon day, and °Ekron shall be 'rooted up.

5 Woe unto the inhabitants of the °sea coast, the nation of the Cherethites! the word of 2the LORD is against you; O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant.

6 And the 5 sea coast shall be odwellings and

° cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks.
7 And the coast shall ° be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed thereupon: in the houses of 'Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening: for 2 the LORD their God °shall visit °them, and turn away their captivity.

10 the noise of a cry. Fig. Pleonasm. Ap. 6. the second = the new city. See note on 2 Kings 22. 14.

11 Maktesh = the mortar. Probably the local name of the merchants' quarter in the Tyropœon valley, west of Zion. Ap. 68, p. 100. So called from its basin-like

cut down=laid low.

12 candles=lamps.

men. Heb. pl. of $\check{e}n\bar{o}sh$. Ap. 14. III. evil = harm. Heb. $r\bar{a}^*a^*$. Ap. 44. viii.

13 they shall also build, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 28. 30, 39). Ap. 92. Cp. Amos 5. 11. Mic. 6. 15; and contrast Isa. 65. 21. Amos 9. 14. wine. Heb. yayin. Ap. 27. I.

14 The great day, &c. Cp. Isa. 22. 5. Joel 2. 1, &c. is near, &c. Heb. [is] near, near. Fig. Epizeuxis (Ap. 6), for emphasis: i. e. very near. mighty man. Heb. gibbor. Ap. 14. IV.

15 wrath . . . trouble, &c. Note the Fig. Synonymia (Ap. 6).

16 the trumpet and alarm = an alarming trumpet. Fig. Hendiadys (Ap. 6) = a trumpet, yea, a trumpet [call]

"to arms"! Cp. 2. 2.
towers. Heb. corners. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, for the towers usually fixed there.

17 they shall walk, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 28. 29). sinned. Heb. chātā'. Ap. 44. i.

18 land. Not the same word as in vv. 2, 3. for. Ginsburg thinks this should be "yea".

2. 1 Gather=Collect. Heb. kashash. Occurs only in Ex. 5. 7, 12. Num. 15. 32, 33. 1 Kings 17. 10, 12. It is not the same word as in 3. 8, 18; or in 3. 19, 20. See the notes there.

not desired = not desirable. Fig. Antimereia (of Verb), Ap. 6.

2 day=judgment. See note on 1. s. the LORD. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II.

3 Seek . . . seek. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 4. 29), as in 1. 6. judgment = ordinances; as in Isa. 58. 2. Jer. 8. 7. ye shall be hid. Referring to Isa. 26. 20, and the meaning of the name Zephaniah.

2. 4-15 (C, p. 1272). JUDGMENTS. GENERAL. NATIONS. (Division.)

 $C \mid L^1 \mid 4-7$. Gaza. West.

 L^2 | 8-11. Moab and Ammon. East. L^3 | 12. Ethiopians. South.

L4 13-15. Assyria. North.

4 For Gaza. Supply the logical Ellipsis (Ap. 6). here, and in vv. 8, 12, 13; 3. 1, thus: "[Mine anger shall

be upon Gaza, saith the Lord], For", &c. Gaza... forsaken. Note the Fig. Paronomasia (Ap. 6), for emphasis. Heb. 'azzāh... 'azūbah. Ashkelon. Now 'Askalan, on the coast of Philistia.

desolation = ruin. Long since fulfilled.

Ashdod. Now Esdūd. The same as Azotus in Acts

at the noon day: i.e. during the noon day siesta. Ekron . . . rooted up. Note the Fig. Paronomasia (Ap. 6), for emphasis. Heb. 'ekron . . . te'aker.

5 sea coast: or, country by the sea.

6 dwellings = pastures.

cottages = pens.

7 be for. Supply the Ellipsis (Ap. 6) = "be for [a possession] to "

God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4. I.

shall visit them. Ref. to Pent. (Gen. 50. 24. Ex. 3. 16). Ap. 92.

them: i.e. the remnant of Judah.

8 I have heard. Supply the logical Ellipsis (Ap. 6): "[My judgment shall come upon Moab], for I have heard", &c., as in v. 8, &c.

8 ° "I have heard the reproach of "Moab, and | Moab. Cp. Isa. 15 and 16. Jer. 48. Amos 2. 1-3.

the revilings of the °children of °Ammon, whereby they have °reproached My People, and magnified themselves against their border.

9 Therefore as 3 live, "saith "the LORD of hosts, othe God of Israel, Surely Moab °shall be as Sodom, and the 8children of Ammon as Gomorrah, even °the breeding of nettles, and saltpits, and a perpetual desolation: the residue of My People shall spoil them, and the remnant of My People shall possess them.

10 This shall they have for their pride, because they have *reproached and magnified themselves against the People of 9 the LORD of

11 2 The LORD will be terrible unto them: for He will ofamish all the gods of the earth; and men shall worship Him, every one from his place, even all othe oisles of the oheathen.

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12 ° De Ethiopians also, pe shall be slain by My sword.

13 °And He will °stretch out His hand against othe north, and destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh a desolation, and dry like a

14 And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her, ° all the beasts of the nations: both the cormorant and the bittern shall lodge in the oupper lintels of it; their voice shall sing in the windows; desolation shall be in the thresholds: for He shall uncover the 'cedar work.

15 This is the rejoicing city that dwelt carelessly, that said in her heart, 'S am, and there is none beside me: 'how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! every one that passeth by her shall hiss, and "wag his hand."

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°Woe to °her that is °filthy and °polluted, to the oppressing city!

2 She obeyed not the voice; "she received not °correction; she °trusted not in °the LORD; ° she drew not near to her ° God.

3 Her princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.

4 Her prophets are 'light and 'treacherous persons: her priests have 'polluted the sanctuary, they have odone violence to the law.

5 The just 2 LORD is oin the midst thereof; He will not do "iniquity: " every morning doth He bring His judgment to light, He faileth not; but the ounjust knoweth no shame.

6 I have cut off the nations: their otowers are desolate; I made their streets waste, that none passeth by: their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is none inhabitant.

7 I said, "Surely thou wilt fear Me, thou wilt receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever I punished them: but they rose early, and ° corrupted all their doings.

8 ° Therefore wait ye ° upon Me, ° saith 2 the LORD, until the day that I rise up oto the prey: for My determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them Mine indignation, even all My fierce anger: ° for all the earth shall be devoured with othe fire of My jealousy.

children = sons.

Ammon. Cp. Jer. 49. 1-6. Amos 1, 13-15.

reproached. See Judg. 11. 12-28.

9 saith the LORD of hosts = [is] the oracle of Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel. See note on 1 Sam. 1. 3. the God of Israel. See note on Isa. 29. 23.

shall be as Sodom. Ref. to Pent. (Gen. 19. 24, 25). Ap. 92.

the breeding of nettles, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 29. 23, &c.). Ap. 92.

of My People. Some codices, with two early printed editions (one Rabbinic), read "of the nations".

People = nation.

possess=inherit.

11 famish = cause to waste away.

the isles of the heathen = the coast-lands of the nations. Ref. to Pent. (Gen. 10. 5). Ap. 92. The phrase occurs nowhere else.

isles = coast-lands.heathen = nations.

12 De. See note on "For", v. 4.
13 And He. See note on "For", v. 4.

stretch out His hand. Idiom for executing judg-

the north: i.e. against Assyria, because although west of Canaan, the road and entrance was by the

14 all = all kinds of. Fig. Synecdoche (of Genus), Ap. 6. upper lintels = chapiters, or carved capitals. cedar work: i.e. the wainscotting.

15 wag his hand. Idiom expressive of derision.

3. 1 Woe=Alas for! See note on "For", 2. 4. her: i.e. Jerusalem. See the Structure, p. 1272. filthy = rebellious.

polluted. Heb. gā'al, (1) to redeem: (2) to make or deem common or unclean. A Homonym, with two meanings. Not the same word as in v. 4.

2 she received not. Some codices, with two early printed editions, Aram., Syr., and Vulg., read "neither hath she accepted". correction = discipline.

trusted=confided. Heb. batah. Ap. 69. I. Not the same word as in v. 12.

the Lord. Heb. Jehovah. Ap. 4. II. she drew not near, &c. Some codices, with one early printed edition, Aram., Sept., and Syr., read "neither unto her God hath she drawn near".

God. Heb. Elohim. Ap. 4. I.

3 gnaw not: or, reserve not.

4 light = reckless.

treacherous persons = men (Heb. 'enosh, Ap. 14. III) of treacheries; placing the emphasis on the treachery. polluted = profaned. Heb. hālal. Not the same word as in v. 1. Ref. to Pent. (Lev. 19. 8; 21. 23; 22. 15. Num. 18. 32). Ap. 92. done violence, &c. Cp. Jer. 2. 8. Ezek. 22. 26.

5 in the midst thereof. Ref. to Pent. (Num. 5. 3. Deut. 7. 21). Ap. 92. Cp. v. 15. iniquity. Heb. 'āvāh. Ap. 44. vi.

every morning = morning by morning. See Ps. 101. 8.

unjust = perverse. Heb. 'āvāl. See Ap. 44. vi.

6 towers. See note on 1.16.

7 corrupted, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Gen. 6. 12, same word). Ap. 92.

8 Therefore, &c. The Massorah (Ap. 30 and 93) calls attention to the fact that this verse (v. 8) contains all the letters of the Heb. alphabet, including the five final letters. This implies that the verse takes in the whole purpose of Jehovah concerning Israel. upon: or, for.

saith the LORD = [is] Jehovah's oracle.

to the prey. Sept. and Syr. read "as a witness", reading 'ēd instead of 'ad. Cp. Mic. 2. 2.

gather = gather in. Not the same word as in 2.1.

assemble = gather out. for all the earth. See 1.18; and cp. the Structure ("E" and "E"), p. 1272.

the fire of My jealousy. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 4. 24).

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9 For othen will I turn to the opeople a pure language, othat they may all call upon the name of 2 the LORD, to serve Him with one consent.

10 From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia My suppliants, even the daughter of My dispersed, shall bring Mine offering.

11 In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast otransgressed against Me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of °My holy mountain.

12 I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor People, and they shall otrust

in othe name of 2 the LORD.

13 The remnant of Israel shall not do 5 iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: "for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid."

14 °Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; NRbe glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.

15 2 The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, He hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even 2 the LORD, is oin the midst of thee:

thou shalt not "see "evil any more.

16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, ""Fear thou not:" and to Zion, "Let not thine hands be slack."

17 ² The LORD thy ² God ⁵ in the midst of thee ° is mighty; He will save, ° He will rejoice over thee with joy; He "will rest in His love, He will joy over thee with singing.

18 "I will 8 gather them that are °sorrowful for the 'solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden.

19 ° Behold, at that time I will ° undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and ° gather her that was driven out; and °I will get them praise and fame in every land

where they have been put to shame.

20 At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I 19 gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of

the earth.

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when I oturn back your captivity before your eyes, ° saith 2 the LORD.

3. 9-20 (A², p. 1271). PROMISSORY. (Introversion and Alternations.)

9, 10. Good bestowed. Gentiles and Israel. Conversion. Q | 11-13. Evil removed. N | R | 14. Zion and Jerusalem to praise. (Positive.) S | 15-. Jehovah in the midst. O | -15. Evil no more seen. $N \mid R \mid$ 16. Zion and Jerusalem. Not to Fear. (Negative.) $S \mid 17$. Jehovah in the midst. $M \mid P \mid$ 18-20-. Good bestowed. Israel and Gentiles. Restoration. $Q \mid -20$. Evil removed.

9 then: i.e. after all that is implied in v. s. Note the order of the blessings in "P": Gentiles first, and Israel after; but in "P", Israel first, and Gentiles after.

people = peoples.

a pure language = a lip purified: i.e. a clean lip in contrast with "unclean" lips (Isa. 6. 5).

pure = separated from that which is impure or unclean. Heb. bārar, as in Ezek. 20. 38. Isa. 52. 11. Dan. 11. 35; 12. 10. The reference is, to being made fit for the worship of Jehovah, as the next clause shows. Cp. 1. 4, 5.

that they may. Some codices, with Syr., and Vulg., read "and may".

consent. Heb. shoulder. Put by Fig. Metonymy (of Adjunct), Ap. 6, for the service rendered by it. It is not the Fig. Metaphor as alleged.

10 suppliants = worshippers. Heb. 'āthār. Occurs in this sense nowhere else. From 'athar = to burn incense (Ezek. 8. 11); hence to pray or worship.

the daughter of My dispersed: i.e. My dispersed People [Israel].

11 transgressed. Heb. pāsha'. Ap. 44. ix. because of = in.

My. The 1611 edition of the A.V. reads "Mine".

12 trust=flee for refuge to. Heb. hasah. Ap. 69. II. Not the same word as in v. 2.

the name. See note on Ps. 20. 1.

13 for they shall feed, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Lev. 26. 5, 6). Ap. 92.

14 Sing, &c. Fig. Pæonismus. Ap. 6.

15 enemy. Some codices, with Aram., Sept., Syr., and Vulg., read "foes" (pl.).
in the midst, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 7. 21).

The Codex Hillel, quoted in the Massorah, (Ap. 30 and 93) with some codices, three early printed editions (one Rabbinic, marg.), Aram., and Vulg., read, 'fear"; but other codices, with nine early printed editions, Sept. (?), and Vulg., read "see", as in A.V. evil = calamity. Heb. ra'a'. Ap. 44. viii.

16 Fear thou not. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 7. 21). Ap. 92.

be slack = hang down.

17 is mighty; He will save. The Heb. accents place the chief pause or emphasis on "save", implying not that He will save at some future time, but that He is an ever-present Saviour. Read "Jehovah thy Elohim is in the midst of thee, mighty to save [at all times]".

Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 10. 17). Ap. 92. He will rejoice, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 30. 9). Ap. 92. will rest. Heb. will be silent. Sept. reads "will renew thee", reading 7 (= p) instead of 7 (= p). The Heb. accent places the emphasis on these two words. 18 sorrowful for. Supply the Ellipsis solemn assembly = appointed season. (Ap. 6)="sorrowful for [the cessation of]". a burden. Some codices, with one early printed edition (Rabbinic, marg.), Aram., and Syr., read "a burden on thee". 19 Behold. Fig. Asterismos. Ap. 6. undo=deal with. gather=gather out, bring together what has been dispersed. Heb. kabaz, as in v. 20. Not the same word as in vv. 8, 18, or as in 2. 1. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 30. 3, 4). Ap. 92. I will get them, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 26. 19). Ap. 92. 20 for I will make you, &c. Ref. to Pent. (Deut. 26. 19). Ap. 92. turn back your captivity. Heb. pl. Idiom for restoring blessings as aforetime. See note on Deut. 30, 3, saith = hath said.