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**The Clash of Redemption Visions: Isaiah's Inclusive Jerusalem vs.
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Deuteronomy Chapter 27

Moses and the elders of Israel charged the people, saying:
Observe all the Instruction that I enjoin upon you this day. As soon as you have crossed the Jordan into the land that your God is giving you, you shall set up large stones; coat them with plaster and inscribe upon them all the words of this Teaching. When you cross the Jordan, you shall build an altar to your God, an altar of stones. Do not wield an iron tool over them; you must build of unhewn stones. You shall offer on it the burnt offerings to your God and you shall sacrifice there burnt offerings of well-being and eat them, rejoicing before your God. And on those stones you shall inscribe every word of this Teaching most distinctly. Moses and the levitical priests spoke to all Israel, saying: Silence! Hear, O Israel! Today you have become the people and observe the divine commandments and laws, which I enjoin upon you this day. Thereupon Moses charged the people, saying: After you have crossed the Jordan, the following shall stand on Mount Gerizim when the blessing for the people is spoken: Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Joseph, and Benjamin

וַיִּצְוֵה
מֹשֶׁה
שֶׁה וְזָקְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל אֶת־הָעָם לֵאמֹר שְׁמַר אֶת־כָּל־הַמִּצְוָה אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי
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הָאָרֶץ זָבַת חֶלֶב וְדָבַשׁ כְּאֲשֶׁר דִּבֶּר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי־אֲבוֹתֵיךָ לְךָ וְהָיָה בְּעַבְדֶּךָ
וְיַדְבֵּר מֹשֶׁה וְהַכֹּהֲנִים הַלְוִיִּם אֶל כָּל־יִשְׂרָאֵל לֵאמֹר הִסַּכְתָּ וּשְׁמַע
וְיִצְוֵה מֹשֶׁה אֶת־הָעָם בַּיּוֹם הַהוּא לֵאמֹר: אֱלֹהֵי יַעֲמָדוּ לְבָרְךָ אֶת־הָעָם עַל הַר גֵּרְזִים בְּעֵבְרָתְכֶם אֶת הַיְּהוּדִים וְיִשְׁשָׁכֵר

Joshua Chapter 8

וְאֶת־מֶלֶךְ הָעִי
תָּלָה עַל־הַעֵץ עַד־עֵת הָעֶרֶב וּכְבוֹא הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ צָוָה יְהוָה וַיִּרְדּוּ אֶת־נֶבֶל
אֶזְרָא וּבְנֵה
יְהוָה
שָׁלַח מִזִּבְחֵה לַיהוָה אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּהַר עֵיבָל׃ כָּאֲשֶׁר צִוָּה מֹשֶׁה עֶבֶד־יְהוָה
בְּרִית־יְהוָה כִּגְרַר כְּאֲזָרַח חֲצִיֹּא אֶל־מֹול הַר־גֵּרִזִים וְחֲצִיֹּא אֶל־מֹול הַר־עֵיבָל

29) And the king of Ai was impaled on a stake until the evening. At sunset, Joshua had the corpse taken down from the stake and it was left lying at the entrance to the city gate. They raised a great heap of stones over it, which is there to this day. (30) At that time Joshua built an altar to the ETERNAL, the God of Israel, on Mount Ebal, (31) as Moses, the servant of GOD, had commanded the Israelites—as is written in the Book of the Teaching of Moses—an altar of unhewn stone upon which no iron had been wielded. They offered on it burnt offerings to GOD, and brought sacrifices of well-being. (32) And there, on the stones, he inscribed a copy of the Teaching that Moses had written for the Israelites. (33) All Israel—stranger and citizen alike—with their elders, officials, and magistrates, stood on either side of the Ark, facing the levitical priests who carried the Ark of GOD’s Covenant. Half of them faced Mount Gerizim and half of them faced Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of GOD had commanded them of old, in order to bless the people of Israel. (34) After that, he read all the words of the Teaching, the blessing and the curse, just as is written in the Book of the Teaching. (35) There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded that Joshua failed to read in the presence of the whole congregation of Israel, including the women and children and the strangers who accompanied them....

Eicha

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גְּלַתְהָ יְהוּדָה מֵעַנִי וּמְרַב עֲבֹדָה הִיא יִשְׁבֶּה בְּגוֹיִם לֹא מִצָּאָה מְנוּחַ כָּל

שְׁמִדָּהּ כִּי לֹא שָׁמַעְתָּ בְּקוֹל יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיהָ לְשָׁמֵר מִצְוֹתָיו וְחַקְתָּיו אֲשֶׁר צִוָּהּ.

(ח) צְדִיק הוּא יְהוָה כִּי פִיהוּ מְרִיתִי

שָׁמְעוּ נָא כָּל [הָעַמִּים] (עַמִּים) וּרְאוּ מִכְּאֲבֵי בְּתוּלָתִי וּבַחֲוָרֵי

הֶלְכוּ בְּשֹׁבֵי.

(ט) סֵלָה כָּל אֲבִירֵי אֲדָנִי

בְּקֶרְפֵי קָרָא עָלַי מוֹעֵד לְשֹׁפֵר בַּחֲוָרֵי גַת דָּרָה אֲדָנִי לְבְּתוּלַת

בֵּית יְהוּדָה. (יז) עַל אֱלֹהֵי אֲנִי בּוֹכִיָּה עֵינַי עֵינַי יִרְדֶּה

מִיָּם כִּי רָחַק מִמֶּנִּי מְנַחֵם מְשִׁיב נְפֹשֵׁי הָיוּ בְּנֵי שׁוֹמְמִים כִּי גִבֵּר אוֹיְבֵי.

Devarim

(מה) וּבָאוּ עָלֶיךָ כָּל הַקְּלָלוֹת הָאֵלֶּה וּרְדִפוּךָ וְהִשְׁיִגוּךָ עַד

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(מא) בָּנִים וּבָנוֹת תּוֹלִיד וְלֹא יִהְיוּ לָךְ כִּי יִלְכוּ בְּשֹׁבֵי.

(לב) בְּנֵיךָ וּבָנֹתֶיךָ נִתְּנִים לְעַם אַחֵר וְעֵינֶיךָ רְאוּת וְכָלוֹת אֲלֵיהֶם

כָּל הַיּוֹם וְאִין לְאֵל יָדָהּ.

Haftarah Part 1 Isaiah 60: 1-3 God's Light

1) Arise, shine, for your light has dawned;The Presence of GOD has shone upon you! (2) Behold! Darkness shall cover the earth,And thick clouds the peoples;But upon you GOD will shine,And God's Presence be seen over you. (3) And nations shall walk by your light,Kings, by your shining radiance.

(א) קוֹמִי אֲוִרִי

כִּי בָא אֲוֹרְךָ וְיִכְבֹּד ה' עֲלֶיךָ זָרְחָה: (ב) כִּי הִנֵּה הַחֹשֶׁךְ יִכְסֶה אֶרֶץ וְעֹרֶפֶל לְאֻמִּים וְעַלְיוֹךָ יִזְרַח ה' וְ

Haftarah Part 2 Isaiah 60: 4-10 Ingathering

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(4) Raise your eyes and look about: They have all gathered and come to you. Your sons shall be brought from afar, Your daughters like babes on shoulders. (5) As you behold, you will glow; Your heart will throb and shall pass on to you, The riches of nations shall flow to you. (6) Dust clouds of camels shall cover you, Dromedaries of Midian and Ephah. They all shall come from Sheba; They shall bear gold and frankincense, And shall herald GOD's glories. (7) All the flocks of Kedar shall be assembled for you, The rams of Nebaioth shall serve your needs; They shall be welcome offerings on My altar, And I will add glory to My glorious House. (8) Who are these that float like a cloud, Like doves to their cotes? (9) Behold, the coastlands await me, Behold, the coastlands await me Emendation yields "The vessels of the coastlands are gathering." With ships of Tarshish ships of Tarshish See note at 2.16. in the lead, To bring your children from afar, And their dtheir i.e., of the people of the coastlands. silver and gold as well—For the name of the ETERNAL your God, For the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you. (10) Aliens shall rebuild your walls, Their kings shall wait upon you—For in anger I struck you down, But in favor I take you back.

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שְׂאֵי-סָבִיב עֵינֶיךָ וּרְאֵי כָּל־מַקְבְּצוֹ בְּאוֹ-לֶךְ בְּנֵיךָ מִרְחֹק יָבֹאוּ וְכִסְפוֹת הַיָּם יִסְבְּעוּ לְפָנֶיךָ וְזָהָב וְכֶסֶף יִסְבְּעוּ לְפָנֶיךָ וְכָל-יְמֵי הַיָּם יִסְבְּעוּ לְפָנֶיךָ וְכָל-יְמֵי הַיָּם יִסְבְּעוּ לְפָנֶיךָ

Haftarah Part 2 Isaiah 60: 11-18 Israel as Royalty

= (11) Your gates shall always stay open—Day and night they shall never be shut—To let in the wealth of the nations,With their kings in procession. (12) For the nation or the kingdomThat does not serve you shall perish,Such nations shall be destroyed. (13) The majesty of Lebanon shall come to you—Cypress and pine and box—To adorn the site of My Sanctuary,To glorify the place where My feet rest. (14) Bowing before you, shall comeThe children of those who tormented you;Prostrate at the soles of your feetShall be all those who reviled you;And you shall be called“City of GOD,Zion of the Holy One of Israel.” (15) Whereas you have been forsaken,Rejected, with none passing through,I will make you a pride everlasting,A joy for age after age. (16) You shall suck the milk of the nations,Suckle at royal breasts. And you shall knowThat I GOD am your Savior,I, The Mighty One of Jacob, am your Redeemer. (17) Instead of copper I will bring gold,Instead of iron I will bring silver;Instead of wood, copper—And instead of stone, iron.And I will appoint Well-being as your government,Prosperity as your officials. (18) The cry “Violence!”Shall no more be heard in your land,Nor “Wrack and ruin!”Within your borders.And you shall name your walls “Victory”And your gates “Renown.”

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תִּלְוֶהוּ שְׁעָרֶיךָ תָּמִיד יוֹמָם וּלְיָלֵה לֹא יִסָּגְרוּ לְהִבְיֵא אֵלֶיךָ חֵיל גּוֹיִם וּמַלְכֵיהֶם נְהַגִּים. (יב) כִּי הָיָה וְהַמְּלִכָה אֲשֶׁר לֹא עֲבָדוּךָ יִאֲבְדוּ וְהַגּוֹיִם חֲרָבוּ יִחָרְבוּ. (יג) כִּפְרוֹ הַלְבָנוֹן אֵלֶיךָ

Haftarah Part 4 Isaiah 60: 19-22 Light Everlasting (Fishbane)

(19) No longer shall you need the sun
For light by day,
Nor the shining of the moon
For radiance [by night];
[by night] So ¹Qisa^a, ⁷Septuagint, and
Targum. For GOD shall be your light everlasting,
Your God shall be your glory. (20) Your sun shall set no more,
Your moon no more withdraw;
For GOD shall be a light to you forever,
And your days of mourning shall be ended. (21) And your people, all of them
righteous, Shall possess the land for all time;
They are the shoot that I planted,
My handiwork in which I glory. (22) The smallest shall become a clan;
The least, a mighty nation. I GOD will speed it in due time.

(יט) לא־יְהִי־הַיּוֹם

לְךָ עוֹד הַשֶּׁמֶשׁ לְאֹר יוֹמָם וְלַבֵּינָה הַיָּרֵחַ לְא־יָאִיר לְךָ וְיִהְיֶה לְךָ לְאֹר עוֹלָם וְאֵלֶיךָ לְתַפְאֵרְתְּךָ (כ) לְא־יָאִיר

Deuteronomy 28:23 // Isaiah 60:17

וְהָיוּ שָׁמַיְךָ אֲשֶׁר עַל-רֹאשְׁךָ נְחֹשֶׁת וְהָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר-תַּחְתֶּיךָ בַרְזֶל:

The skies above your head shall be copper and the earth under you iron.

תַּחַת הַנְּחֹשֶׁת אָבִיא זָהָב וְתַחַת הַבַּרְזֶל אָבִיא כֶּסֶף וְתַחַת הָעֵצִים נְחֹשֶׁת וְתַחַת הָאֲבָנִים בַּרְזֶל וְשָׁמַתִּי פְקֻדֹתַי

Instead of copper I will bring gold,

Instead of iron I will bring silver;

Instead of wood, copper—

And instead of stone, iron.

And I will appoint Well-being as your government,

Prosperity as your officials.

Deuteronomy 28:29, 66-67 // Isaiah 60:19-20

וְהָיְתָה מְמַשֵּׁשׁ בְּצַהָרִים כְּאִשֶּׁר יִמְשֵׁשׁ הָעוֹר בְּאַפְלָה וְלֹא תִצְלַיִחַ אֶת־דַּרְכֶיךָ וְהָיְתָה אַךְ עֲשׂוּק וְגִזּוּל כָּל־הַיָּמִים וְאִין מוֹשִׁיעַ:

You shall grope at noon as the blind grope in the dark; you shall not prosper in your ventures, but shall be constantly abused and robbed, with none to give help.

וְהָיָה חַיֶּיךָ תִּלְאִים לָךְ מִגֵּד וּפְחַדְתָּ לַיְלָה וַיּוֹמָם וְלֹא תֵאֱמִין בְּחַיֶּיךָ:

The life you face shall be precarious; you shall be in terror, night and day, with no assurance of survival.

בְּבֹקֶר תֹּאמַר מִי־יִתֶּן עָרֵב וּבְעֶרֶב תֹּאמַר מִי־יִתֶּן בֹּקֶר מִפְּחַד לְבָבְךָ אֲשֶׁר תִּפְחֹד וּמִמְרָאָה עֵינֶיךָ אֲשֶׁר תִּרְאֶה:

In the morning you shall say, “If only it were evening!” and in the evening you shall say, “If only it were morning!”—because of what your heart shall dread and your eyes shall see.

Deuteronomy 28:68 // Isaiah 60:9

וַיֹּאמֶר יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר אִמַּרְתִּי לְךָ לֹא-תִסֹּף עוֹד לִרְאֹתָהּ וְהִתְמַכְרְתֶם שָׁם לְאִיבֵיךָ לְעַבְדִּים וְשִׁיבְךָ יְהוָה מִצִּרְיִים בְּאֻנְיֹתַי בְּדַרְךָ אֲשֶׁר אִמַּרְתִּי לְךָ לֹא-תִסֹּף עוֹד לִרְאֹתָהּ וְהִתְמַכְרְתֶם שָׁם לְאִיבֵיךָ לְעַבְדִּים

יהוה will send you back to Egypt in galleys, by a route which I told you you should not see again. There you shall offer yourselves for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but none will buy.

לְהִזְכֵּר לְדַבְרֵי הַבְּרִית אֲשֶׁר-צִוָּה יְהוָה אֶת-מֹשֶׁה לְכַרֵּת אֶת-בְּנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל בְּאֶרֶץ מוֹאָב מִלִּבְד הַבְּרִית אֲשֶׁר-כָּרַת אֶת־

These are the terms of the covenant which יהוה commanded Moses to conclude with the Israelites in the land of Moab, in addition to the covenant which was made with them at Horeb.

Isaiah 4

1) The word that Isaiah son of Amoz prophesied concerning Judah and Jerusalem. (2) In the days to come, The Mount of GOD's house shall stand firm above the mountains And tower above the hills; And all the nations shall gaze on it with joy. (3) And the many peoples shall go and say: "Come, Let us go up to the Mount of GOD, To the House of the God of Jacob; That we may be instructed in God's ways, And that we may walk in God's paths." For instruction shall come forth in instruction shall come forth I.e., oracles will be obtainable. from Zion, The word of GOD from Jerusalem. (4) Thus [God] will judge among the nations And arbitrate for the many peoples, And they shall beat their swords into plowshares plowshares More exactly, the iron points with which wooden plows were tipped. And their spears into pruning hooks: Nation shall not take up sword against nation; They shall never again know

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דְּבַר אֲשֶׁר חָזָה יִשְׁעִיָּהוּ בֶן-אֲמוֹץ עַל-יְהוּדָה וְיְרוּשָׁלַם: (ב) וְהָיָה | בְּאַחֲרֵית הַיָּמִים נִבֶּן

Isaiah 19

1) The “Egypt” Pronouncement. Mounted on a swift cloud, GOD will come to Egypt; Egypt’s idols shall tremble in response, And the heart of the Egyptians shall sink within them. (2) “I will incite Egyptian against Egyptian: They shall war with each other, Neighbor with neighbor, City with city And kingdom with kingdom

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(19) In that day, there shall be an altar to GOD inside the land of Egypt and a pillar to GOD at its border. As a symbol of GOD’s sovereignty over Egypt. (20) They shall serve as a symbol and reminder of GOD of Hosts in the land of Egypt, so that when [the Egyptians] cry out to GOD against oppressors, a savior and champion will be sent to deliver them. (21) For the Egyptians will be made to know GOD, and the Egyptians shall acknowledge GOD in that day, and they shall serve with sacrifice....

Nehemia 2

וַיִּשְׁמָע סַנְבַּלַּט הַחֹרְזִי וְטוֹבִיָּה הָעֶבֶד הָעַמּוֹנִי וַיִּרַע לָהֶם רָעָה גְדֹלָה אֲשֶׁר-בָּא אֲדָם לְבַקֵּשׁ טוֹבָה לְבְנֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל:

When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite servant heard, it displeased them greatly that someone had come, intent on improving the condition of the Israelites.

וַאֲבָוָא אֶל-יְרוּשָׁלַם וְאֶהֱ-שָׁם יָמִים שְׁלֹשָׁה:

I arrived in Jerusalem. After I was there three days

וְאֶקּוּם אֲנִי לַיְלָה אֲנִי

וְאֶבֶר

שָׁמַיִם אֲנִי מֵעַט עִמִּי וְלֹא-הִגַּדְתִּי לְאָדָם מָה אֱלֹהִי נָתַן אֵל-לִבִּי לַעֲשׂוֹת לְיְרוּשָׁלַם וּבְהִמָּה אֵין עִמִּי כִי אִם-הִבְהִמָּה אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי רֹכֵב

I got up at night, I and a few men with me, and telling no one what my God had put into my mind to do for Jerusalem, and taking no other beast than the one on which I was riding,

Nehemia 2

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גִּיד לָהֶם אֶת־יְדֵי אֱלֹהֵי אֲשֶׁר־הָיָא טוֹבָה עָלַי וְאֶף־דְּבַרֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ אֲשֶׁר אָמַר־לִי וַיֹּאמְרוּ נְקוּם וּבְנִינוּ וַיַּחֲזְקוּ יְדֵיהֶם לְטוֹבָה: {פ}

I told them of my God's benevolent care for me, also of the things that the king had said to me, and they said, "Let us start building!" They were encouraged by [His] benevolence.

וַיִּשְׁמַע סַנְבַלַּט הַחֹרָזִי וְטַבְיָהּ הַיְּבֹנִיָּה | הָעֶבֶד הָעֵמֹנִי

וְגֶשֶׁם הָעֲרָבִי וַיִּלְעָגוּ לָנוּ וַיִּבְזּוּ עָלֵינוּ וַיֹּאמְרוּ מָה־הַדְּבָר הַזֶּה אֲשֶׁר אַתֶּם עֹשִׂים הֲעַל הַמֶּלֶךְ אַתֶּם מֹרְדִים:

When Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite servant and Geshem the Arab heard, they mocked us and held us in contempt and said, "What is this that you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?"

וְאִ

שִׁבַּב אוֹתָם דְּבָר וְאָמַר לָהֶם אֱלֹהֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם הוּא יַצְלִיחַ לָנוּ וְאֲנַחְנוּ עֲבָדָיו נְקוּם וּבְנִינוּ וְלָכֶם אֵין־חֶלֶק וְצַדִּיקָה וְזַכָּרוֹן בִּירוּשָׁלַם: {פ}

I said to them in reply, "The God of Heaven will grant us success, and we, His servants, will start building. But you have no share or claim or stake in Jerusalem!"

Nehemia 3

וַיְהִי כַאֲשֶׁר שָׁמַע סַנְבַלֵּט כִּי־אֲנַחְנוּ בּוֹנִים אֶת־הַחוֹמָה וַיַּחַר לוֹ וַיִּכְעַס הַרְבֵּה וַיִּלְעַג עַל־הַיהוּדִים:

When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, it angered him, and he was extremely vexed. He mocked the Jews,

וַיֹּאמֶר | לִפְנֵי אָחִיו וְחֵיל־

שְׁמָרוֹן וַיֹּאמֶר מָה הַיהוּדִים הָאֵמְלָלִים עֹשִׂים הַיַּעֲזְבוּ לָהֶם הַיִּזְבְּחוּ הַיִּכְלוּ בַיּוֹם הַיְחִיזוּ אֶת־הָאֲבָנִים מִעַרְמוֹת הָעֶפֶר וְהֵמָּה שְׂרוּפוֹת: saying in the presence of his brothers and the Samaritan force, “What are the miserable Jews doing? Will they restore, offer sacrifice, and finish one day? Can they revive those stones out of the dust heaps, burned as they are?”

וְטוֹבִיָּה הָעַמֹּנִי אָצֵלוּ וַיֹּאמֶר גַּם אֲשֶׁר־הֵם בּוֹנִים אִם־יַעֲלֶה שׁוֹעֵל וּפְרָץ חוֹמַת אֲבָנֵיהֶם: {פ}

Tobiah the Ammonite, alongside him, said, “That stone wall they are building—if a fox climbed it he would breach it!”

שָׁמַע אֱלֹהֵינוּ כִּי־הֵיינוּ בּוֹזָה וְהֵשֵׁב חֲרָפְתָם אֶל־רֵאשָׁם וַיִּתְּנֵם לַבָּזָה בְּאֶרֶץ שְׁבִיָּה:

Hear, our God, how we have become a mockery, and return their taunts upon their heads! Let them be taken as spoil to a land of captivity!

וְאַל־תִּכְסֹּף עַל־עוֹנֵם וְחַטָּאתָם מִלִּפְנֵיךָ אֶל־תִּמְחָה כִּי הִכְעִיסוּ לְנֶגְדְךָ הַבּוֹנִים:

Do not cover up their iniquity or let their sin be blotted out before You, for they hurled provocations at the builders.

Nehemia 4

וַיְהִי

כַּאֲ

שֶׁר שָׁמַע סַנְבַלֵּט וְטוֹבְיָה וְהָעֲרָבִים וְהָעַמּוֹנִים וְהָאַשְׁדּוּדִים כִּי־עָלְתָה אֲרוֹכָה לְחַמּוֹת יְרוּשָׁלַם כִּי־הִחְלוּ הַפְּרָצִים לְהִסְתַּם וַיַּחַר לָהֶם
When Sanballat and Tobiah, and the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that healing had come to the walls of Jerusalem, that the breached parts had begun to be filled, it angered them very much,

וַיִּקְשְׁרוּ כָל־מִי יַחְדָּו לָבוֹא לְהִלָּחֵם בְּיְרוּשָׁלַם וּלְעַשׂוֹת לוֹ תוֹעָה:

and they all conspired together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to throw it into confusion.

וַנִּתְפַּלֵּל אֶל־אֱלֹהֵינוּ וַנַּעֲמִיד מִשְׁמַר עֲלֵיהֶם יוֹמָם וּלְיָלָה מִפְּנֵיהֶם:

Because of them we prayed to our God, and set up a watch over them day and night.