

# *Songs of the Witnesses*

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom;  
teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and  
hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your  
hearts to the Lord.*

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## **Foreword**

The following are portions of scripture which have been versed so that they may be read as poetry or may be sung in worship.

The aim has been to, firstly, render the wording accurately and sympathetically to the original scripture; then, secondly, to offer wording that is familiar to the bible reader; finally, thirdly, to express the content in acceptable poetry.

Suited tunes are listed at the rear with blank score so that notation may be made.

Dedicated to the Chief Musician  
who both leads, and sings within, the  
congregation of those born of water  
and born of the spirit.

## **Song 1**

### The Cloud of Witnesses

1. Wherefore, since we are compassed round  
    with witnesses diverse;  
with such a cloud who went before;  
    who walked in faithfulness.
2. Let us aside lay every weight,  
    to run our given race;  
and lay aside sin which besets,  
    perceiving but one face.
3. Run, looking unto Jesus, who  
    faith both begins and ends;  
who for the joy before him set  
    endured all that offends.
4. Endured the cross; its shame despised;  
    endured scourge, trial and rod,  
and is now set at the right hand,  
    upon the throne of God.

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## **Song 2**

### **Jacob's Few Words**

1. O never will I let thee go,  
except thou dost bless me.  
Tell me the name by which thou'rt known;  
tell me I do pray thee.
2. Here am I; few and evil have  
the days been of my life.  
For thy salvation, O my LORD,  
I've waited, long, in faith.
3. At Luz, in Canaan's land, one time,  
there did appear to me  
almighty God, whose speech I heard;  
who blessed me, fruitfully.
4. Unto the people that are mine,  
now must I gathered be.  
Beside my fathers, in the cave  
of Ephron, bury me.

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## **Song 3**

### **Moses' Song**

1.   Unto the LORD my song I'll sing,  
      with glorious triumph he  
the horse and rider both hath thrown  
      into the swelling sea.
2.   The LORD, he is my strength and song,  
      and is become to me  
all my salvation: he's my God,  
      he shall my song e'er be.
3.   For Him an habitation I  
      prepare will, carefully.  
My father's God, I'll Him exalt;  
      a man of war is he.
4.   The LORD, a man of war is he:  
      The LORD is his own name.  
All Pharaoh's chariots and his host  
      did he engulf in shame.
5.   Choice captains in the Red Seas' floods  
      were drowned and overthrown.  
The depths have covered them: they sank,  
      embedded as a stone.

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6. O LORD, thy right hand glorious  
is now become in power.  
Thy right hand, LORD, thy foes doth dash  
in pieces, like a shower.
7. In thy great excellency, thou  
hast overthrown each one  
that rose against thee to rebel.  
Thy wrath did them o'ercome.
8. Out from thy presence didst thou send  
thy wrath to smite thy foes.  
Like stubble was each one consumed,  
that up against thee rose.
9. And with thy nostrils' blast the floods  
did gather, flocked like sheep.  
The depths congealed within the sea.  
Upright, the floods did heap.
10. The enemy said, I'll pursue;  
I will them overtake.  
The spoil I will divide and I  
on them my lust will slake.
11. I'll draw my sword saith he, my hand  
shall them destroy outright.  
With thy wind thou didst blow, the sea  
did cover them from sight.

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12. They sank as lead in mighty floods.  
Who is like unto thee?  
O thou, our LORD among the gods?  
Who is like unto thee?
13. So glorious in thy holiness;  
fearful thy praises be,  
and in thy wondrous acts, O LORD.  
Who is like unto thee?
14. Thou stretchest out thine own right hand,  
the earth did swallow them.  
Thou in thy mercy hast led forth  
those whom thou didst redeem.
15. Thou hast them guided in thy strength  
unto the holy place,  
where is thy habitation sure,  
to dwell before thy face.
16. The people this shall hear and they  
shall be afraid, each one.  
Sorrow shall take a hold on them  
that dwell in Palestine.
17. Then Edom's dukes shall be amazed;  
the mighty Moabites,  
trembling shall take a hold on them;  
melt shall all Canaanites.

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18. Fall on them all shall dread and fear;  
by greatness of thine arm;  
they'll be as still as stone, O LORD,  
till thine pass without harm.
19. The people whom thou'st purchased shall  
pass to the other side.  
Thou'lt bring them in, thou'lt plant them sure.  
In thy mount they'll abide.
20. In that mount of thine heritage,  
that place which thou, O LORD,  
hast made for thyself to reside -  
the Sanctuary, Lord.
21. Thine hands, alone, established that  
which shall be thy domain.  
For ever shall the LORD's rule be  
and ever shall he reign.
22. For Pharaoh's beast, his chariots,  
his horsemen; army; all;  
into the sea presumed to ride,  
there, each of them did fall.
23. The LORD returned the flood on them,  
the waters flowed again;  
but Israel's children went on dry  
within the very same. [Miriam's Answer follows]

## **Song 4**

### **Miriam's Answer**

24. And Miriam, the prophetess,  
took timbrel in her hand,  
the sister of Aaron, the priest,  
and followed her, a band.
25. The women all went after her  
with timbrels, in the dance  
and Miriam did answer them  
their singing to enhance.
26. Sing ye, said she, unto the LORD  
with glorious triumph he  
the horse and rider both hast thrown  
into the swelling sea.

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## **Song 5**

### **Job's Observation.**

1.     Man born of woman hath few days  
        which full of trouble are.  
He cometh forth but soon goes he,  
        cut down, just as a flower.
2.     Like as a shadow, he doth flee.  
        He doth not long persist.  
Upon such dost thou let thine eyes  
        to open and to rest ?
3.     And bringest me in judgment sure  
        with thee, thyself, alone?  
Is there but one who can bring forth  
        clean from unclean? Not one.
4.     Since his days are foreknown; his months  
        are numbered up with thee.  
His bounds thou hast appointed sure  
        that pass them shall not he;
5.     Turn from him, that he may once rest,  
        till he accomplish may,  
just as an hireling spends his time,  
        his, short, allotted day.

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6. For of a tree there is some hope,  
if it should once be felled,  
that it will yet sprout up again,  
it's branches' sap still held.
7. Though in the earth its root wax old,  
its stock die in the ground;  
yet, scenting water, buds will sprout;  
plant-like, boughs shall abound.
8. But man doth die and waste away:  
yea, man gives up his breath.  
Then where is he? Where has he gone?  
Can he be found in death?
9. As do sea's waters drain away,  
as floods decay and cease.  
So man lays down and rises not  
when death doth him release.
10. Until the heavens be no more,  
the grave their bed they'll make.  
Till then, they'll not be raised from sleep,  
nor shall they once awake.

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## **Song 6**

### **Hannah's Joy.**

1. My heart rejoiceth in the LORD,  
in him exalts mine horn:  
my mouth's enlarg'd o'er all my foes;  
no more am I forlorn.
2. For now in thy salvation, I  
rejoice exceedingly.  
There is none holy as the LORD:  
nor one desir'd like thee:
3. Nor is there any other rock  
like to our God, not one.  
No more talk proudly with thy mouth;  
hard speech do thou restrain.
4. Because the LORD, he is a God  
of knowledge; deeds he weighs.  
Bows of the mighty break in two;  
confounded, they're amazed.
5. Full, they have hired themselves for bread;  
those once in hunger, ceased:  
so that the barren hath born sev'n;  
the fruitful hath decreased.

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6. The LORD doth kill and makes alive:  
down to the grave he takes,  
and bringeth up. The LORD makes poor,  
and also rich, he makes.
7. He from the dust the poor doth raise;  
from dunghill lifteth he  
the beggar, and 'mong princes will  
cause them both set to be.
8. They both shall have inheritance,  
who once were poor and low.  
The throne of glory shall be theirs:  
the LORD shall make it so:
9. For all the pillars of the earth  
belong unto the LORD,  
and he hath set the world on them,  
according to his word.
10. He'll keep the feet of his own saints,  
the wicked shall all dwell  
in silent darkness; for no man  
shall by his strength prevail.
11. The adversaries of the LORD  
in pieces shall be broke;  
out of his heav'n he'll thunder down  
on those who did provoke.

12. All ends of earth the LORD shall judge;  
to his king he'll give strength,  
the horn of his anointed he'll  
exalt 'bove all, at length.

## **Song 7**

### Samuel's Hearing [Short Metre]

Here I, thou calledst me.  
Here I, thy call was clear.  
Here I, for thou didst call again.  
Speak thou, for now I hear.

## **Song 8**

### Jonah's Vow

1. By reason of affliction mine,  
I cried unto the LORD,  
who heard; from sheol's belly cried  
my voice, and thou hast heard.
2. For thou hadst cast me in the deep,  
midst flowing of the sea;  
floods compassed me: thy billows all,  
thy waves passed over me.

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3. Then said I, I am cast away  
from where thine eye doth shine;  
yet look again will I toward  
that holy temple thine.
4. The waters compassed me about,  
the soul they did surround:  
the depth closed me about, my head  
was wrapped by weeds around.
5. Down to foundations of earth's mounts  
did I go down; the earth  
with all her bolts enclosed me fast,  
forever, in her depth.
6. Yet from destruction's final end,  
O LORD, thou God who'rt mine,  
hast thou brought up again my life  
with power that is thine.
7. What time my soul did faint within,  
the LORD I did recall:  
into thy holy temple did  
my prayer come withal.
8. Observers of lying vanities  
their mercy do forsake.  
But I will sacrifice to thee;  
thanks with my voice I'll make.

9. That which I've vowed I will not fail  
to pay, as by my word.  
Thanksgiving I will render sure,  
salvation's of the LORD.

## **Song 9**

### **Samson's Conflict**

1. A Nazarite unto my God,  
unshaven, I, since born.  
Out of the eater came forth meat  
and sweetness from the strong.
2. With ass's cheekbone did I smite,  
in Ramath – Lehi's place;  
heaps of mine enemies, on heaps,  
with ass's bony face.
3. O suffer me, lad, who dost hold  
my hand, while I, unseen,  
may feel the pillars which bear up  
this house, and on them "lean".
4. Remember me, Lord GOD, I pray,  
and strengthen me, I cry.  
Just once avenge me, O my God.  
With my foes let me die.

## **Song 10**

### **Deborah's Duet**

1. Praise ye the LORD who did avenge  
his people Israel.  
When willingly themselves did give,  
'twas then they did prevail.
2. Give ear O kings and princes, hear;  
I, I, a song will raise,  
unto the LORD. To Isr'el's God,  
the LORD, will I sing praise.
3. When, LORD, thou wentest out of Seir,  
in marching thou went'st forth;  
out of the field of Edom, then  
strong trembling shook the earth.
4. The heavens dropp'd, as did the clouds  
drop water to the ground.  
The mounts did melt before the LORD;  
e'en Sinai was not sound.
5. Before the LORD, e'en Isr'el's God,  
did Sinai melt away.  
In Shamgar's and in Jael's time,  
there was no used highway.

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6. The crooked ways were much preferred-  
byways, the trav'lers chose.  
Ceased, Isr'el's villages, each one.  
Then I, Deb'rah arose.
7. Awake, awake O Deborah,  
awake, awake in song.  
Captivity lead captive thou,  
Barak, Abinoam's son.
8. Bless'd above women shall Jael,  
the wife of Heber, be.  
She shall, 'bove women in the tent,  
be bless'd abundantly.
9. He asked for water; she gave milk.  
In lordly dish she brought  
his butter forth. Then with her hands,  
by nail and hammer wrought.
10. She smote the Captain, Sisera,  
she hammered at his head;  
pierced through his temples, then removed  
his skull and left him dead.
11. Between her feet he bowed himself;  
he fell and down he laid.  
Between her feet he bent , he fell;  
then bowed there, quite destroyed.

12. She who bore Sis'ra, looking out,  
through window's lattice cried,  
Why doth his chariot take so long?  
His chariot's wheels delayed?
13. So let thine en'mies perish, LORD,  
but as the sun so bright,  
let them that love thee, so go forth  
as it doth rise, in might.

## **Song 11**

### **Wisdom's Call**

1. Without doth Wisdom lift her voice,  
she crieth in the streets,  
in concourse' chiefest place she cries,  
in op'nings of the gates.
2. Within the city, her words say,  
How long, ye simple ones?  
Will ye embrace simplicity  
and scorn, who only scorns?
3. Shall fools hate knowledge, without end?  
Turn you at my reproof;  
behold, my spirit I'll pour out;  
to you I'll speak my truth.

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4. Because I've called and ye refused,  
to you I've stretched my hand;  
all disregard, all counsel shun;  
reproof do ye withstand.
5. At your calamity, also  
then will I laugh out loud.  
I'll mock when desolation comes,  
when fear falls on the proud;
6. When cometh fierce destruction as  
the whirling of the wind;  
when anguish taketh hold of you;  
distress that fast doth bind.
7. Then call shall they, out loud, on me;  
but answer I'll give none.  
They'll early seek me, in that day;  
but I will long be gone.
8. For knowledge hated they; they shunn'd  
the fear that's of the LORD.  
They did not choose, they would not have,  
the counsel in my word.
9. Therefore, with fruit of their own way,  
who my reproof despised,  
shall they be fed and shall be filled  
with all that they devised.

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10. For their own turning from the path  
of wisdom shall them slay.  
Who choose simplicity to love,  
rather than walk my way.
11. And fools' prosperity shall them  
destroy. But whoso hears  
my words shall dwell in safety; quiet  
he'll be from evil fears.

**Song 12**

Malachi's Herald

1. Behold I'll send my messenger,  
he shall the way prepare  
before me; and the Lord ye seek  
shall suddenly appear.
2. He'll swiftly to his temple come,  
the cov'nant messenger,  
the one in whom ye all delight,  
the one whom ye prefer.
3. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, he'll come.  
But who shall able be  
his day of coming to abide  
or stand, when cometh he?

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4. Like fuller's soap is he, or fire  
that smelts and does refine.  
Like silver's purifier he  
will watch and will recline.
5. He'll purify all Levi's sons  
as silver's fined, or gold.  
Then offering, in righteousness,  
they'll make unto the LORD.
6. Then they that feared the LORD did oft  
converse; and, hearkening,  
the LORD did hear and thus was writ  
a book, remembering.
7. Before him was the written book  
for them that feared the LORD;  
for those that thought upon his name-  
with one sure, shared accord.
8. And they'll be mine saith he of hosts  
who is the mighty LORD,  
in that day when make up my jewels  
they'll mine be; as my word.
9. I'll spare them as a man doth spare  
his loyal servant - son.  
Then ye'll return and ye'll discern  
'tween right and wicked men.

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10. 'Tween him that serves or serveth not  
for that day comes, behold,  
that burns as doth an oven burn;  
then burn shall, all the proud.
11. All wicked doers shall burn up  
as stubble, into soot.  
The LORD of hosts, saith, that day will  
leave neither branch nor root.
12. But unto you that fear my name,  
with trembling joyfulness,  
with healing in his beams shall rise,  
the Sun of righteousness.
13. Ye shall go forth; grow up shall ye  
as calves do, of the stall.  
Ye'll tread the wicked down; for they  
under your feet shall fall.
14. As ashes shall they be, beneath  
the soles of your own feet.  
Thus saith the LORD of hosts, that day,  
this judgment I'll complete.

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## **Song 13**

### **Job's Confession**

1. I know that thou canst do all things;  
no thought's from thee withheld.  
Who can by casting knowledge out  
keep counsel unrevealed?
2. Thus that which I did not perceive  
I uttered with my voice –  
of things, I spake, too wonderful;  
too high for me; too choice.
- 3 Hear, I beseech thee and I'll speak;  
I will demand of thee.  
And do thou unto me declare –  
give answer unto me.
4. Of thee I heard, by hearing of  
the ear; but now mine eye  
doth see thee, thus, in dust and ash,  
abhor myself do I.

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## **Song 14**

### Moses' declaration

1. Give ear, O heav'ns and I will speak;  
to me, do thou give ear.  
And hearken unto me, O earth;  
to me, do thou draw near.
2. My doctrine shall as rain drop down;  
as dew shall rest my speech.  
As small rain lights on tender herb;  
as showers on grass, I teach.
3. For I'll the LORD's name publish wide;  
his name I'll spread abroad.  
O! heav'n and earth, do ye ascribe  
all greatness to our God!
4. Alone he is the rock. His work  
is perfect; all his ways  
are judgment; without sin is he.  
A God of truth, he stays.

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## **Song 15**

### **Habakkuk's Prayer**

1. Thy famed report I heard, O LORD.  
Upon me fear took hold.  
Within the midst of passing years  
thy work revive, O LORD.
2. In midst of passing years declare:  
in wrath do thou recall  
thy mercy. God from Teman came,  
from Paran's mount withal.
3. The Holy one came from the mount;  
Selah – behold this well.  
His glory covered all the heav'ns.  
Praise did the whole earth fill.
4. His brightness as the light did shine.  
Horns came forth from his hand.  
There was the hiding of his power.  
None could before him stand.
5. Before him went the pestilence.  
Hot coals went from his feet.  
He stood and measured all the earth.  
He reckoned it, complete.

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6. Behold it all did he and forth  
the nations drove away.  
The everlasting mounts were moved  
and scattered, also, they.
7. The hills that stand perpetually  
did bow down, in their place.  
His ways are everlasting, thus  
all flees before his face.
8. Afflicted saw I, Cushan's tents;  
and Midian's land did quake,  
her curtains quivering, each one;  
together, they did shake.
9. Against the rivers was the LORD  
displeased? Did thy wrath burn  
against the rivers? Was thine ire  
against the sea, in turn?
10. For thy wraths sake 'gainst sea, didst thou  
ride on strong horses thine?  
And on salvation's chariots  
did thou ride, thus, divine ?
11. Thy bow was made quite naked, then,  
as to the tribes' oaths sure;  
according to their word. Selah.  
Their oaths do still endure.

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12. With rivers thou didst cleave the earth.  
Mounts did thee see, and quake.  
The flooding waters passed on by;  
they did their place forsake.
13. The deep did utter loud, his voice,  
he lift his hands on high.  
The sun and moon stood still in place  
they moved not, in the sky.
14. In their held light, thine arrows went,  
shine did thy glittering spear.  
In indignation thou didst march.  
The land did shake in fear.
15. The heathen thou didst thresh in wrath,  
thou wentest forth abroad.  
E'en for the sake of thine own folk,  
salvation to afford.
16. In wicked's house thou surely didst  
the foundation expose.  
E'en to the neck that so thou might'st  
the head wound and depose.
17. With his own staves thou didst strike through  
of villages, the head;  
tempest'ous, they came out like wind  
to be of me quite rid.

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18.      Their joy was as to but devour  
            the poor in secret place.  
Thou through the sea did walk, with horse.  
            Through floods' great heaps, apace.
19.      Then trembled my own belly when  
            these things mine ears did hear,  
Thy voice did cause a quivering  
            of my own lips, in fear.
20.      Corruption entered my own bones  
            I trembled in dismay  
within myself that rest I might  
            in that, great, troubled day.
21.      When he comes up, with troops he'll come,  
            the people to invade.  
He'll overcome the people all  
            before them he'll not fade.
22.      Although the fig tree blossom not;  
            though vine produce no fruit.  
The labour of the olive fail,  
            and fields shall yield no meat.
23.      Though flock be cut off from the fold;  
            the stalls contain no herd;  
I joy will in my saving God,  
            rejoicing in the LORD.

24. The LORD God is my only strength.  
He'll make my feet to be  
like hinds' feet. Make me walk upon  
my places high, shall he.
25. Unto the Chief of singers, I  
my song do dedicate.  
Upon stringed instruments, with verse,  
my music do I make.

## **Song 16**

### **Wisdom's Cry**

1. Doth not the voice of wisdom cry,  
with prudence in her voice?  
She standeth at the very top  
of every highest place.
2. Beside the way where paths are placed,  
she crieth evermore;  
at gates, at city's entrance, and  
the porch of every door.
3. To you, O men, I call; my voice  
is to the sons of man.  
O simple ones, perceive ye sense;  
ye fools, perceive within.

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4. Hear me; for I will speak of things  
most excellent in worth.  
Right things, alone, will part my lips.  
Truth will come from my mouth.
5. All wickedness my lips do hate  
and only righteousness  
doth form my words; in them is naught  
that's froward or perverse.
6. All's plain to him that understands  
and right to them that find  
true knowledge. This instruction free  
receive into thy mind.
7. Receive good teaching rather than  
fine silver, though most pure,  
and knowledge take more than choice gold,  
which will not long endure.
8. For wisdom far much better is  
than rubies, red as fire;  
nor once compared to it can be  
all that heart can desire.
9. I wisdom dwell with cunning craft  
and searching out, we find  
the knowledge of devisings which  
spring from the clever mind.

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10. To hate all evil is the fear  
that's of the LORD most high.  
Pride, pomp and evil's way and all  
speech froward, hate do I.
11. To me belongeth counsel sure,  
and wisdom that is sound.  
I am all understanding, wise.  
Strength is with me e'er found.
12. By me kings reign, princes do judge;  
by me rule princes all  
and nobles, and that judge on earth –  
by me is ruled the whole.
13. I love them all that do love me,  
they will me surely find  
who seek me early; with me is  
richness that is refined.
14. And honour and spoil that endures  
and righteousness they'll find.  
My fruit is better far than gold;  
yea, gold of purest kind.
15. My revenue is choicer than  
pure silver of great cost.  
I lead in righteousness' straight way;  
none shall, with me, be lost.

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16. I walk, in midst of judgment's paths,  
that I may guarantee  
full spoil and sure inheritance  
to all them that love me.
17. In the beginning of his way,  
his path of righteousness,  
before his mighty works of old,  
the LORD did me possess.
18. From everlasting was I poured,  
from when all did begin,  
or ever earth was. When there were  
no depths to be within –
19. Then was I brought forth, when no founts  
with water did abound;  
before the mountains were set down,  
before the hills were found.
20. I was brought forth before he made  
the earth or did it dress.  
Before he'd formed the fields or made  
the head of this world's dust.
21. When he the heavens did compose  
above, then was I there:  
when he the deep's face girded fast,  
I did his presence share:

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22. When he the clouds did set on high;  
when fountains of the deep  
he strengthen'd; when he did command  
the seas a bound to keep:
23. When he appointed that which earth  
doth stand upon, so sound;  
then was I by him, as one who  
brought up with him is found.
24. And daily I was his delight,  
rejoicing evermore  
before him; taking pleasure in  
earth's habitable store.
25. And my delights were with mens' sons.  
Now therefore unto me  
give ear ye children; for they bless'd,  
who keep my ways, will be.
26. Hear sound instruction and be wise.  
Refuse it not, I say.  
Bless'd is the man that heareth me,  
and watches every day –
27. Who watches by my gates, and by  
my doors' posts, undeterred.  
For who finds me finds life. He'll be  
accepted by the LORD.

## **Song 17**

### **Solomon's Song of Songs**

1. Let him, with tenderness, me kiss  
    with kisses of his mouth:  
for better far than finest wine,  
    far better is his love.
2. Because thine ointments savour well,  
    as ointment is poured out -  
thus is thy name and thus, therefore,  
    by virgins loved thou art.
3. Draw me and after thee we'll run:  
    brought by the King am I  
into his chambers: we'll be glad  
    and in thee richly joy.
4. Remember more than wine, will we:  
    thy love we'll bring to mind:  
those that are upright love thee well;  
    in thee their joy they find.
5. I'm black but comely, O ye maids  
    in Salem that do sing,  
as Kedar's tents, as curtains fair  
    of Solomon, the King.

6. O daughters of Jerusalem,  
I pray, behold me not;  
because I'm black, because the sun  
looked down upon me, hot.
7. My mother's children angry were  
with me; their vines I kept  
within their vineyards, but mine own  
vineyard I did neglect.
8. Tell me, O thou whom my soul loves,  
Where is it thou dost feed ?  
Where makest thou thy flock lie down  
at noon, when rest they need ?
9. O tell me, whom I lovest so,  
why do I have to be  
as one near thy companions' flocks,  
far turned aside from thee ?
10. If thou know not, who fairest art  
'mong women, let thy ways  
be by the flock's trods; feed thy kids;  
near shepherds' tents, them graze.
11. I have compared thee, O my love,  
unto a company  
of horse in Pharaoh's chariots -  
like them, thou art, to me.

12. Thy cheeks are comely, rowed with jewels;  
with chains of gold thy neck.  
Rich borders gold with silver studs,  
we'll choose, thee to bedeck.
13. In Majesty, when sits the King  
at table, in his will,  
then doth my spikenard send forth  
its smell, the house to fill.
14. My well beloved is to me,  
of myrrh a bundle fine.  
He'll lie all night betwixt my breasts  
until the sun doth shine.
15. Fragrant as camphire is my love,  
clustered together fine,  
in vineyards of En-gedi, where  
full grapes hang on the vine.
16. Behold thou'rt fair, my love, thou'rt fair;  
with eyes like to a dove.  
Behold thou'rt fair, yea pleasant, too;  
my soul thee well doth love.
17. Also the bed we share is green.  
Strong cedar beams do brace  
our house, and rafters made of fir  
support our roof in place.

18. I am the rose of Sharon and  
the lily of the vales.  
As one such lily deep within  
that thorn bush which impales -
19. So is my love 'mong daughters fair.  
And as the apple tree  
grows hidden in the wood, so is  
my love among sons free.
20. Under his shadow, sat I down  
with great delight, at rest.  
The fruit upon his branches was  
sweet on my tongue to taste.
21. Unto his house of banqueting,  
he brought me, and above  
he did his banner proud display -  
his banner, which is love.
22. Stay me with flagons, comfort me;  
lovesick, my heart doth race.  
Under my head is his left hand,  
his right doth me embrace.
23. O daughters of Jerusalem,  
by roes and hinds, I charge,  
until he please, awake not up,  
nor stir my love, I urge.

24. The voice of my beloved sounds !  
Behold, he leapeth high,  
upon the mounts, and o'er the hills  
he skips, until he's nigh.
25. Like roe, or young hart, is my love.  
Lo, looking, he doth shew  
behind the lattice wall, that he  
me spies from my window.
26. My love spake unto me, rise up,  
my love, come thou who'rt fair.  
For lo, the winter long is past  
and gone is every shower.
27. The flowers appear upon the earth;  
the songbird's time is nigh,  
and in our land, with joyful voice,  
the turtledove doth cry.
28. Green figs are put forth, tender grapes  
smell good upon the vine.  
Arise, my love, and come away,  
thou fair one, thou art mine.
29. In clefts of rock, my dove, and 'neath  
the stairs thou dost secrete.  
Show me thy face, thou comely one,  
speak with thy voice so sweet.

30. Let us the foxes take. Let's take  
    them, every little one,  
    that spoil our vines; for tender are  
    the full grapes there that hang.
31. My b'loved's mine, I'm his, he feeds  
    'mong lilies. Till shades flee  
    at dawn, my love, on Bethel's mounts  
    like roe or young hart be.
32. By night upon my bed I sought  
    him whom my soul doth love.  
    I sought, but found him not. I'll rise  
    the city streets to rove.
33. I'll seek him whom my soul doth love  
    upon ways that are broad.  
    The city watch me found, Saw ye  
    my soul's love ? then I said.
34. Passed little space from them, I found,  
    I held, and would not loose  
    the one my soul loves; till I brought  
    him to my mother's house.
35. I brought him to her chamber, who  
    did me, herself, conceive.  
    By roes and hinds of every field  
    this charge to you I give -

36. Ye daughters of Jerusalem;  
while at his rest he stays,  
stir ye him not, who is my love,  
nor wake him, till he please.
37. Who comes, this, from the wilderness  
pillaring like smoke,  
perfumed with myrrh and frankincense  
and powders merchants make ?
38. Lo his bed which is Solomon's;  
threescore brave men surround -  
the valiants of Israel;  
each one of them is found -
39. Sword cleaved in hand, expert in war,  
armed - ready for the fight;  
and every man with sword on thigh,  
for fearful is the night.
40. King Solomon, himself, did make,  
from wood of Lebanon,  
a chariot; of silver were  
the pillars, every one.
41. The base thereof he made of gold;  
purple, its covering;  
the midst, with love paved, for the maids  
of Salem, who there sing.

42. O Zion's daughters, go ye forth,  
    behold King Solomon -  
    the crown he wears upon his head,  
    his mother laid on him;
43. For crown'd she him, her son, that day,  
    when both he and his bride  
    espous'd became together; then  
    that day his heart was glad.
44. Behold thou'rt fair, my love; I see,  
    within thy locks, doves' eyes.  
Thy hair's a flock of goats that do  
    from Gilead's mount arise.
45. Thy teeth are like a flock that's shorn  
    which come up, washed and clean;  
to whom, each one, have twins been born.  
    None's barren 'mong them been.
46. Thy lips a thread of scarlet are,  
    and comely is thy speech:  
within thy locks, thy temples are  
    a pomegranate piece.
47. Thy neck's like David's armoury tower,  
    whereon the bucklers hang -  
a thousand are there; all are shields  
    of David's mighty men.

48. Thy two breasts are like twin young roes;  
    'mong lilies feed do they.  
    Before the day doth break the night,  
    ere shadows flee away -
49. Unto the hill of frankincense,  
    and myrrh's mount I'll get me.  
    Thou art all fair, my love, there is  
    no spot at all in thee.
50. From Lebanon, come with me, spouse,  
    with me, from Lebanon:  
    look from the top of Amana,  
    from Shenir and Hermon.
51. Look from the dens of lions and  
    the leopards' mountains high.  
    My heart thou'st ravished, sister mine,  
    thy loving spouse am I.
52. With but one of thy dovelike eyes,  
    thou ravish'd hath my heart.  
    Thou captivateth my desire  
    with one chain of thy neck.
53. How fair is thy love, sister, spouse !  
    Better by far than wine !  
    And far above all spices rare,  
    the smell of ointments thine !

54. Thy lips, O spouse, drop as the comb  
enriched with honey sweet:  
under thy tongue with honey and  
with milk, thy mouth's replete.
55. When thou art present, O my spouse,  
I know that thou art there;  
thy garments smell like Lebanon;  
how fair thou art, how fair.
56. A fountain sealed, my sister is;  
a spring shut up, my spouse;  
a garden closed, but planted well,  
with pleasant spices choice.
57. A pomegranate grove, thy plants  
with pleasant fruits abound.  
Spikenard thou hast, with camphire pure,  
or with saffron combined.
58. Both calamus and cinnamon,  
of frankincense, each tree;  
myrrh, aloes; and of every spice  
the chief variety.
59. A fount of gardens, this, a well,  
where living waters flow,  
and streams that come from Lebanon.  
O wake ! Thou winds that blow -

60. From north and south, blow thou upon  
my garden, let flow out  
the spices; let my b'loved come  
and eat his pleasant fruit.
61. Into my garden, sister, spouse,  
unto thee, I am come;  
gathered, have I, my myrrh with spice  
and of the honeycomb -
62. My honey I have eaten, sweet;  
drunk I my milk with wine:  
eat, O my friends; abundantly  
drink, O beloved mine.
63. Sleep I, but knocks the voice of my  
beloved, on my heart,  
Ope to me, sister, love, my dove,  
my undefiled, apart;
64. For filled my head is with the dew,  
my locks with drops of night.  
My coat's put off; how put it on  
shall I ? I've washed my feet.
65. How shall I them defile again ?  
My b'loved's hand came forth,  
and moved my bowels were for him,  
no longer was I loth.

66. I rose to open up to him:  
    with myrrh my hands did drop,  
    my fingers left sweet smells of it,  
    on handles of the lock.
67. I opened, but he had withdrawn  
    himself, and gone away;  
    my soul failed when he spake. I sought,  
    but find him not, could I.
68. I called out to him, but he gave  
    no answer, not a sound.  
    The watchmen of the city did  
    me find; and smite; and wound.
69. The keepers of the walls did take  
    my veil; O Salem's maids,  
    find ye my love, tell him my heart  
    so sick is that it fades.
70. More than another, why is thy  
    beloved unto thee,  
    O fairest, thou, of women ? Why  
    with such charge maks't thou free ?
71. Both white and ruddy is my love,  
    above ten thousand more  
    he is the chief. His head is like  
    gold oft refined - most pure.

72. His locks are bushy, raven black.  
His eyes as doves', to me,  
by waters' rivers; washed with milk  
and fitly set are they.
73. A bed of spices, his cheeks are;  
sweet flowers, too, are they.  
Like lilies are his lips which drop  
sweet smelling myrrh away.
74. As gold rings set with beryl are  
his hands; bright ivory  
his belly's like, all overlaid  
with sapphires, carefully.
75. As marble pillars, are his legs  
on sockets of fine gold:  
as cedars excellent, his face  
like Lebanon is bold.
76. His mouth's most sweet, O Salem's maids:  
this is my love and friend.  
He altogether lovely is,  
yea, this one love, my friend.
77. O whither has thy love now gone,  
Fairest of all that be ?  
Tell us, now, whither he hath turned,  
that we may seek with thee.

78. My b'loved's to his garden gone  
    where beds of spices are,  
    to feed on pleasant fruits, and then  
    to gather lilies rare.
79. My b'loved's love, I wholly am.  
    He lovely is to me.  
    He is mine; yea, and I am his;  
    'mong lilies feedeth he.
80. Thou'rt beautiful, comely to me,  
    as Tirzah, thou, my love  
    and Salem: terrible as hordes  
    who fiercely banners wave.
81. Away, turn thou, thine eyes from me,  
    they have me overcome:  
    thy hair is as a flock of goats,  
    that do from Gilead roam.
82. Thy teeth are as a flock of sheep,  
    which go from washing, clean,  
    whereof each one hath borne her twins:  
    none's barren 'mong them been.
83. A pomegranate's piece, within  
    thy locks, thy temples are.  
    Fourscore of concubines are found  
    of queens there are threescore -

84. And maids unnumbered, but one is  
my dove, my undefiled;  
she, the one choice of her that bare:  
her mother's only child.
85. The daughters saw her, and her bless'd;  
yea, queens and concubines  
her praised. Who's she that looketh forth,  
clear as the sun that shines ?
86. Who's she - as fair is as the moon ?  
Who is this very one,  
that's like a horde, so terrible,  
whose banners dark the sun ?
87. Down went I to the grove of nuts;  
the valley's fruits compared;  
to see how flourish did the vine -  
how pomegranates fared.
88. Or ever I was ware of it,  
my soul made me to be  
as chariots of Amminadab.  
Return, return, to me.
89. Thou Shulamite, return, return,  
that we may look on thee.  
This Shulamite - to see, what's there ?  
Two armies, met, I see.

90. O prince's daughter, beautiful,  
with shoes upon thy feet,  
like jewels are thy thigh's joints set,  
with cunning work, complete.
91. Like goblet, round, thy navel is,  
its liquor wanting not:  
like heaped wheat is thy belly fair,  
with lilies set about.
92. Like twin young roes, thy breasts: thy neck -  
an iv'ry tower round.  
Thine eyes like fishpools in Heshbon,  
where 'Rabbim's gate is found.
93. Thy nose on thee, as I behold,  
is as the lofty tower  
of Lebanon, which looketh to  
Damascus. O thou'rt fair !
94. Thine head upon thee's like Carmel,  
purple, thine hair, on thee;  
the King's held in the galleries.  
How fair ! How fair, thou be !
95. How pleasant art thou, for delights,  
O love ! Like palm tree's stance  
thy stature is, like clustered grapes  
thy breasts do thee enhance.

96. Up to the palm tree I will go,  
I said, I will take hold  
of boughs thereof: thy breasts shall be  
vine's clusters to behold.
97. Thy nose's smell, like apples is;  
thy mouth's roof like wine sweet;  
a vintage that slips down and makes  
their lips to speak that sleep.
98. I am my b'loved's love, and his  
desire is toward me.  
Come, my beloved, forth the field  
in villages to be;
99. And early let us get unto  
the vineyards; to see there  
how flourish do the vines with grapes,  
how pomegranates fare:
100. There will I give thee all my loves.  
The mandrakes give a smell,  
at gates are fruits, both new and old.  
For thee, I've laid up well.
101. O that thou had'st my brother been  
that suckled, afore me,  
my mother's breasts ! I should thee find  
without, I would kiss thee;

102. Yea, I should never be depised.  
I'd lead thee, bring thee to  
my mother's house; she'd me instruct  
with sayings not a few.
103. My pomegranate's juice, well spiced,  
the wine I'd cause thee taste.  
His left hand should be 'neath my head  
his right should me embrace.
104. I charge you, maids of Salem, all,  
while at his rest he stays,  
stir ye him not, who is my love,  
nor wake him, till he please.
105. Who is this one, that's not alone ?  
Through shimm'ring air, she's seen;  
from wilderness, she comes, and doth  
on her beloved lean.
106. Beneath the apple tree, I raised  
thee up: there brought thee forth  
thy mother: yea, she that travailed  
and bare, there brought thee forth.
107. Set me, a seal, on thine own heart,  
and on that arm of thee:  
for as death, love is strong: as cruel  
as grave, its jealousy:

108. The coals of love are coals of fire,  
most vehement their flame.  
Love many waters cannot quench,  
nor can floods drown the same.
109. A man could all his substance give -  
his house, his goods, his name -  
for love, but utterly it would  
condemned be, to his shame.
110. We have a little sister, but  
no breasts yet on her be:  
what shall we for her do, that day,  
when spoken for, is she ?
111. If wall she be, we'll build on her  
a silver palace, bright:  
and if a door, inclose with boards  
of cedar, out of sight.
112. I am a wall, my breasts like towers,  
which reach up to the skies:  
and then I was as one that did  
find favour in his eyes.
113. In Baal-hamon, did Solomon  
a vineyard fine possess;  
for thousand silvers, each was let,  
for fruit that did it dress.

114. My vineyard, which is mine, 'fore me  
doth stand: O Solomon,  
of thousand thou must have; tenscore  
to keepers of the vine.
115. Thou that dwell'st in the gardens, walled,  
the friends do hear thy voice:  
cause me to hear the sound thereof,  
that I may, too, rejoice.
116. Be thou a roe that leaps up high;  
make haste, my love, make haste,  
as swift young hart on spices' mounts.  
O haste, beloved..... haste !

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## **Song 18**

### **Jeremiah's Lamentations**

1. That city once so populous,  
sits solitary now;  
and as a widow, desolate,  
afflicted she doth bow.

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2. Among the nations she was great;  
a Princess - head held high.  
But now a tributary, she,  
doth weep sore and doth sigh.
3. By night her cheeks do run with tears;  
no lovers comfort her.  
Those treach'rous friends, her enemies,  
to help - they do not stir.
4. Afflicted in captivity,  
serves Judah, without rest.  
Among the heathen dwelleth she;  
'tween straits, they do her test.
5. The ways of Zion all do mourn.  
Her solemn feasts are o'er.  
Bereft of virgins, gates and priests,  
her bitterness is sore.
6. Her en'mies prosper and are chief,  
afflicted she in thrall  
is by the LORD; for multiplied  
are her transgressions all.
7. Her children to captivity  
are gone, before the foe;  
from Zion's maid, all beauty's gone.  
It has departed now.

8. Her Princes, like harts are become:  
they find no pasture green.  
In hunger, with their last strength gone,  
pursued they still have been.
9. In midst of her afflicted days  
and all her misery,  
Jerus'lem did her pleasant things  
bring to her memory.
10. Into her en'mies hand did fall  
her people. None assayed  
to help her, rather did they mock  
her solemn sabbath days.
11. Jerusalem sinned grievously;  
therefore she is removed.  
Despised her former honour is,  
and, naked, she's reprov'd.
12. Yea, sigheth she and backward turns,  
her filthiness doth mar  
her skirts; nor doth she bring to mind  
the last time she did err.
13. So, wondrous was her falling down;  
none comfort did her show.  
O, see all my affliction, LORD.  
The foe doth greater grow.

14. His hand upon her pleasant things  
did spread - that enemy.  
The heathen she did watch defile  
her holy sanctuary.
15. Those very heathen, thou didst say,  
should never enter in.  
To see them 'mongst thy people, LORD,  
is altogether sin.
16. Her people, sighing, seek their bread,  
and given have they all  
their pleasant things, just to relieve,  
with meat, their hungry soul.
17. Look and behold, O thou my LORD,  
consider what I am.  
Thine eye let rest upon my state,  
for vile am I become.
18. All ye that pass and wander by,  
O, nothing, do ye care ?  
Behold and see this sorrow, mine,  
that do upon me stare.
19. Behold, see, if there ever was  
such sorrow great outpoured  
in anger fierce, upon my soul,  
in his day, by the LORD.

20. Into my bones he from above  
did fire send, and its heat  
prevailed against them: he hath spread  
a net to catch my feet.
21. He hath me turned back, desolate,  
and faint I am all day.  
The yoke of my transgressions doth  
his hand make, bound, to stay.
22. Wreathed are they, up, upon my neck.  
My strength he's made to fail.  
The Lord puts me into their hand.  
I cannot rise at all.
23. Within my midst, my mighty men  
the Lord's foot treadeth down.  
Assembled he, so that my youths  
were crushed and overthrown.
24. As in a winepress, trod the Lord,  
the daughter - Judah's maid.  
For all these things I weep and mourn.  
With tears, mine eyes do fade.
25. For he, my comfort, is afar,  
and gives me no relief.  
My foe prevailed, thus desolate  
my children are in grief.

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26. Zion, her hands doth spread out wide;  
comfort from her doth flee.  
The LORD commands that Jacob should  
by foes surrounded be.
27. Jerusalem, her head held low,  
by all her foes reviled,  
stands like a menstr'ous woman shamed,  
her garments all defiled.
28. The LORD is just; rebel did I  
against his own command.  
Hear me, ye people all, I pray:  
I sorrowful do stand.
29. My virgins and my youths are gone  
into captivity.  
I called my lovers - liars all -  
no pity showed they me.
30. Both priests and elders did give up  
the ghost within my walls.  
While they their own meat did seek out  
just to relieve their souls.
31. Behold, O LORD, I'm in distress  
and my bowels troubled be.  
Within, my heart is turned quite o'er,  
rebelled I grievously.

32. Abroad, the sword bereaveth me:  
at home there is as death.  
With none to comfort, they have heard  
my mournful, sighing breath.
33. Mine enemies my trouble know.  
Thou didst it: they are glad.  
But thou wilt bring thine own called day,  
then, like me, they'll be sad.
34. Their wickedness let stand before  
thy face and do to them,  
as for transgressions I have done,  
thou chastened me with shame.
35. For many are the sighs I breathe:  
they multiply all day.  
Within my breast my panting heart  
doth almost faint away.
36. How hath the Lord clothed Zion's maid  
with cloud in his hot wrath.  
And cast the beauty of Isr'el  
from heaven down to earth.
37. He did not bring to memory  
his footstool, in the day  
of his great anger: he was wroth  
nor would his purpose stay.

38. All Jacob's habitations great  
the Lord did swallow whole,  
and pitied not. He hath thrown down,  
in wrath, the strongholds all -
39. That did belong to Judah's maid:  
he razed them all from view.  
Polluted he the kingdom vast,  
all Judah's princes too.
40. He hath cut off all Isr'els horn,  
in anger fearsomely.  
Drawn back is his right hand before  
the froward enemy.
41. Like flaming fire, he burned against  
Jacob, devouring all.  
He hath his bow bent, like a foe;  
his arrow swift withal.
42. An adversary, he stood fast,  
his right hand held on high:  
and in the tabernacle, he  
slew all that pleased the eye.
43. The place which Zion's daughter loved -  
her tabernacle pure -  
there poured he out his fury hot,  
like flames of burning fire.

44. The Lord was as an enemy.  
He swallowed Isr'el whole,  
devouring all her palaces  
with every proud stronghold.
45. He hath increased in Judah's maid  
her lamentable grief:  
the tabernacle he hath rent  
away, with vi'lent wrath -
46. As if 'twas but a garden plot.  
Destroyed he also hath,  
the places where assemblies were.  
He smashed them in his wrath.
47. The LORD himself, the memory  
did cause to be erased  
of Zion's solemn feasts, and all  
her holy sabbath days.
48. In wrathful indignation, he  
hath treated with despite  
e'en king and priest: remov'd he them  
out of his very sight.
49. The Lord his altar would not keep,  
and his own sanctuary  
he hated with abhorrence great.  
Them both he cast away.

50. The walls of Zion's palaces  
    he gave the enemy.  
The LORD's house they did noise within  
    as if on solemn day.
51. The LORD hath purposed to destroy  
    the wall of Zion's maid.  
His line he stretched, his hand hath not  
    withdrawn, nor hath it stayed.
52. Therefore the wall and rampart strong,  
    in wailing did abound.  
Both languished. Zion's sturdy gates  
    are sunk into the ground.
53. Her bars he broke and quite destroyed.  
    'Mong Gentile nations found  
are all her princes and her king.  
    No more the law doth sound.
54. Her prophets do no longer find  
    their vision from the LORD.  
The elders of Zion's maid do sit  
    in silence, on the ground.
55. Dust is cast up, upon their heads.  
    Coarse sackcloth girdeth them.  
The virgins of Jerusalem  
    hang down their heads in shame.

56. Mine eyes do fail with tears, my bowels  
within me troubled be.  
My liver's poured out on the earth:  
it runneth out of me.
57. Because mine eyes do see destroyed  
the daughter of my kin.  
The children and the sucklings swoon,  
the city's streets within.
58. Where is our corn and wine ? they say.  
They faint as wounded sore,  
upon the streets when their souls to  
their mother's bosom pour.
59. To witness for thee, what shall I  
take caref'ly unto me ?  
Jerus'lem's daughter, what thing can  
be likened unto thee ?
60. To what shall thou be equalled to,  
that I may comfort thee ?  
O Zion's virgin daughter, breached  
so great; who heal can thee ?
61. Thy prophets vain and foolish things  
for thee do falsely see.  
Sin they'll not view. They leave thee in  
thy sore captivity.

62. For their blind sight doth prophesy  
false burdens unto thee;  
and for wrong causes do they claim  
thy banishment to be.
63. At thee all passers-by clap hands.  
They hiss; their heads wag they.  
Thou daughter of Jerusalem -  
'gainst thee they make their play.
64. Is this the city that men call  
perfection beautiful ?  
they say: And of the whole of earth  
the joy so bountiful ?
65. Against thee foes do ope their mouths,  
gnash teeth and hiss do they.  
We've swallowed her, they say, We've found  
and seen our looked-for day.
66. What he'd devised, the LORD hath done.  
His word fulfil did he,  
that he commanded, as of old,  
forsworn in verity.
67. Thrown down he hath, no pity he  
hath shown. And he hath made  
thine en'my o'er thee to rejoice.  
Thy foes' horn is upraised.

68. Their heart did cry unto the Lord,  
O, wall of Zion's maid,  
let tears, like to a river's flow  
by day and night cascade.
69. Rest give thyself not, nor respite  
to thine eye's apple give.  
Arise, cry out by night. Do thou  
in this, thy mourning, live.
70. Whene'er the watches do begin,  
be thy heart then outpoured,  
before his very face, who is  
thine only hope - the Lord.
71. For thy young children's life, to him  
do thou thy hands lift high -  
for those that hunger on each street.  
Fainting, they, weak, do lie.
72. Behold, O LORD, consider thou  
to whom this thou hast done.  
Their own fruit shall the women eat,  
that is a hand span long ?
73. Shall priest and prophet, Lord, be slain,  
within thy sanctuary ?  
The young, together with the old,  
upon the streets do lie.

74. My virgins and my youths are fall'n.  
The sword hath cut them down.  
In anger's day, them slay didst thou:  
no pity hast thou shown.
75. As in a solemn time, thou'st called  
my terrors all around,  
so that within the LORD's fierce day  
none that escaped were found.
76. Those that I swaddled and brought up,  
mine enemy consumed.  
I'm he who's seen affliction sore  
by his rod's wrath performed.
77. To darkness me he led, and brought,  
not to light's perfect way.  
Against me he is surely turned;  
his hand fights me all day.
78. By him my flesh and skin are aged:  
my bones he broke withal.  
'Gainst me he built and compassed me  
with travail and with gall.
79. Set me, did he, in places dark  
as those who've dead, long lain.  
He hedged me so I am not free -  
he heavy made my chain.

80. The prayer I shout to him and cry  
he shuts out, in his wrath.  
Walled he my ways with hewed out stone,  
and crooked made my path.
81. He's to me like a lurking bear  
or lion, laid in wait.  
My ways he turned; to pieces me  
he tore. I'm desolate.
82. With bent bow aimed at me alone  
set as his mark was I.  
The arrows of his quiver, all  
into my reins did fly.
83. Derided by all people, I  
their song am, all the day.  
With bitterness he filled me up;  
with wormwood, drunk, I lay.
84. My teeth with gravel stones he broke;  
with ashes covered me.  
Far off from peace thou'st moved my soul,  
and from prosperity.
85. I said, my strength and all my hope  
is perished from the LORD.  
Affliction only will to me  
my memory afford.

86. The wormwood, gall and misery  
are all that I do know.  
Recalling such, my humbled soul  
finds hope within it grow.
87. Only by mercies of the LORD  
we're not consumed, this day.  
For, without fail, he doth remain  
compassionate always.
88. With new compassions, every morn,  
in faithfulness, he's great.  
The LORD's my portion, saith I, thus  
on him I'll hope and wait.
89. The LORD is good to those who do  
wait on him, patiently:  
to such a soul as seeketh him  
and hopes, continually.
90. Oh, that a man should hopeful be  
and wait, with quietude,  
for the salvation which belongs  
unto the LORD; 'tis good.
91. 'Tis also good a man should bear  
the yoke, when he is young.  
For this shall he keep silence and  
sit quietly on his own.

92. He puts his mouth down in the dust  
if hope there just may be.  
To him that smites, he gives the cheek;  
filled with reproach is he.
93. Because forever will the Lord  
not cast off, though grief he  
cause, pity yet, with mercy great,  
shall he show tenderly.
94. Unwillingly, doth he afflict  
and cause men's children pain.  
To crush earth's prisoners beneath  
his feet, shall he refrain.
95. To turn a man's right to one side  
in front of the most High,  
the Lord approves not, nor to see  
subverted men denied.
96. Who is he that a thing shall speak,  
that comes not from the Lord ?  
And shall it come to pass when not  
commanded by his word ?
97. Out of the mouth of the most High  
both ill and good proceeds.  
Why then complains a living man  
when punished for his deeds ?

98. Let us our ways with diligence  
search, and them strictly try;  
and turn again unto the LORD.  
Let's lift our hearts on high.
99. Lift them by hand unto God who  
in heav'n is over all.  
We have transgressed; we have rebelled.  
Thou'st pardoned not at all.
100. Thou'st covered us with ire. Thou hast  
us persecuted too.  
Thou'st slain and pitied not. Our prayer  
thy cloud cannot pass through.
101. As off-scouring and refuse, thou  
mad'st us among the throng:  
their mouths they opened wide 'gainst us.  
They scorned us in their song.
102. Fear and a snare is come on us;  
destroyed and desolate  
are we. Mine eye continually  
runs down with waters great.
103. Because of the destructive end  
upon my people's maid,  
mine eye doth run down, ceasing not,  
nor will its trickling fade.

104. No intermission lets my eye,  
    its pouring once withhold,  
until the LORD from heav'n looks down  
    to see and to behold.
105. Mine eye affecteth mine own heart,  
    because within the walls  
of mine own city, I see that  
    which on the maids befalls.
106. Without a cause they chased me sore,  
    like as a bird in flight.  
In dungeon deep, they've shut my life;  
    a stone prevents the light.
107. Flowed many waters over me,  
    above my drowning head.  
Beneath their swirling currents deep,  
    I am cut off, I said.
108. Out of the dungeon low, I called  
    upon thy name, O LORD.  
Thine ear let hear my crying breath:  
    my voice I know thou'st heard.
109. In that same day I called on thee,  
    thou drewest near and said,  
Fear not. The causes of my soul,  
    thou, Lord, alone, hast pled.

110. My life thou hast redeemed, O LORD;  
thou hast seen all my wrong.  
Judge thou my cause; thou'st been my voice.  
On thee, I've waited long.
111. Thou'st seen the vengeance they have wrought;  
their dreams against me all.  
Thou, LORD, heard'st all of their reproach.  
On me their falsehoods fall.
112. Thou'st heard the lips of them that rose  
against me; what they said.  
And, all the day, what they devised  
when they rose from their bed.
113. Behold their sitting down, and see,  
their rising up again.  
I am their music. Render, LORD,  
a recompence to them.
114. Repay, according to the work  
which they did with their hands.  
Give them deep sorrows of the heart  
when thy curse on them lands.
115. Them persecute and in thine ire  
destroy them, every one;  
from underneath the heavens that  
unto the LORD belong.

[Chapter Four of Lamentations has a different Hebrew construction - the stanzas are dissimilar to the other chapters, being triplets, not couplets. Chapter Four has not been versed in this edition.]

116. Remember, LORD, what's come on us;  
consider our reproach.

Our heritage do strangers take;  
aliens our place encroach.

117. Orphans and fatherless are we,  
our mothers widows seem.

For water gave we money; sold  
to us our wood hath been.

118. Our necks to persecution bend;  
we labour, rest denied.

Of foreigners we asked for bread,  
that we be satisfied.

119. Our fathers sinned have, and are not;  
their sins we now have borne.

Servants us rule; deliv'ers none  
us help. We are forlorn.

120. With peril of our lives we gat  
our bread so fearfully.

Because within the wilderness  
the sword swept, swift and free.

121. Like to an oven burnt, our skin  
was black upon our bone.  
Because the famine, terrible,  
deprived us, every one.
122. Our women ravished they in Zion;  
nor were our maidens spared.  
In Judah's cities were they shamed  
and there, their cries were heard.
123. Princes are hanged up by their hands;  
elders received no fear.  
Young men did grind and children fell -  
the wood they could not bear.
124. Aged men have ceased from round the gate:  
our elders are no more.  
The streets are silent, where young men  
their music made afore.
125. The joy of our own heart is ceased;  
instead of dance, we mourn.  
The crown is fallen from our head.  
Woe to us, for our sin.
126. For this our heart faints; for these things  
dim doth become our eye.  
For Zion's mount is desolate;  
the foxes walk on high.

*Songs of the Witnesses*

127. Thou, LORD, forever dost remain.  
    To generations all  
thy throne is; wherefore doest thou  
    forget us in our thrall ?
128. Why for so long forsakest us ?  
    Turn us, O LORD, we pray,  
unto thee; and we shall be turned.  
    Renew, again, our day.
129. But thou hast utterly refrained.  
    Rejected, do we stand.  
Against us, thou art very wroth;  
    thou tak'st away thine hand.

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## **Song 19**

### **Zion's Salvation**

1. And in that day thou'lt say, O LORD,  
thee will I praise: though thou  
wast angry with me, far away  
thine anger is turned now.
2. Thou comfortedst me and, behold,  
God my salvation is;  
I'll trust and I'll not be afraid  
for now I have good cause -
3. The LORD JEHOVAH is my strength;  
my salvation; my song.  
With joy, thus, from salvation's wells  
wilt thou draw, all day long.
4. And in that day shall ye say, Praise -  
the LORD praise, call upon  
his name, declare his works among  
the people with a song.
5. Say that his name's exalted high.  
Sing thou unto the LORD;  
for things most exc'llent he hath done:  
this all the earth hath heard.

6. Cry out and shout, thou who dost dwell  
in Zion: for great is he -  
the Holy One of Israel  
who dwells in midst of thee.

## **Song 20**

### **Lucifer's Fall**

1. How art thou fallen down from heav'n  
O Lucifer, thou son !  
Thou son of morning, how cut down  
thou art unto the ground !
2. Thou who didst weaken nations all !  
For in thine heart thou'st said,  
To heav'n I'll rise, exalt my throne  
above the stars of God.
3. Choose also will I to sit on  
the congregation's mount,  
in sides of north: above the heights  
of clouds, myself I'll flaunt.

4. I'll be, I'll be, like the Most High.  
Yet thou shalt be brought down  
to sheol, to the very sides  
of that pit where thou'lt drown.
5. They that thee see shall closely look  
and say, as they think well,  
Is this the man that the earth made  
to tremble, where we dwell ?
6. That kingdoms shook, that made the world  
a desert and destroyed  
the cities, nor of prisoners  
did he his jail once void ?

## **Song 21**

### **Death's Disappearance**

1. And in this mountain shall the LORD  
of hosts a feast provide  
unto all people of fat things,  
and wine well clarified.

2. Of fat things full of marrow, and  
of wine, clear and aged well.  
And in this mount he will destroy  
the surface of the veil.
3. That veil cast o'er the people all  
and that veil overspread  
upon all nations, he'll destroy  
and swallow death instead -
4. He'll swallow death in victory;  
and wiped by the Lord GOD,  
shall be the tears which once were seen  
down from each face to flood.
5. His folk's rebuke he'll take away  
from off the whole of earth:  
the LORD hath spoken. This his word  
is that which hath gone forth.
6. And in that day it shall be said,  
Lo, this is our own God;  
on him we've waited; he'll us save.  
This is our only LORD.
7. We've waited for him patiently,  
in him we will be glad.  
In his salvation we'll rejoice,  
our hearts no longer sad.

## **Song 22**

### **Salem's Comfort**

1. O comfort ye, O comfort ye,  
my people, saith your God.  
To Salem cry, her warfare's won,  
speak comfort in its stead.
2. Pardon'd is her iniquity:  
for double she's received  
for all her sins - the LORD, himself,  
hath twice to her purveyed.
3. The voice of him that crieth out  
within the wilderness,  
Prepare the way, ye, of the LORD;  
his way do ye express.
4. Make straight a highway for our God,  
upon the desert floor.  
Each valley shall uplifted be,  
each mount and hill be lower'd.
5. The crooked shall be straightened well,  
rough places shall be plain:  
the glory of the LORD shall be  
revealed to every man.

6. All flesh together shall it see:  
for from the LORD's own mouth  
hath it been said. Yea, from his lips,  
this word was spoken forth.
7. The voice said, Cry. And he did say,  
What words shall, thus, I cry ?  
All flesh is grass, and all its good  
is as the field's flow'r, dry.
8. The grass doth wither in the field;  
its green leaves cease to grow.  
The flow'r fades: for the spirit of  
the LORD 'pon it doth blow.
9. Surely the people, all are grass.  
The grass doth wilt away,  
the flow'r fades: but our own God's word  
shall ever stand and stay.

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## **Song 23**

### Isaiah's Gospel

1. Awake, awake; put on thy strength,  
O Zion; put thou on  
thy garments which are beautiful,  
O thou Jerusalem -
2. For thou the holy city art:  
henceforth no more come in  
to thee shall the uncircumcised,  
nor those that are unclean.
3. Thyself shake from the dust; arise,  
sit down, Jerusalem:  
thyself loose, Zion's captive maid  
from neck bands, which thee shame.
4. For thus the LORD saith, Ye have sold  
yourselves for nothing worth;  
and without money be redeemed  
shall ye, in very truth.
5. For saith the Lord GOD, Aforetime  
my people did go down  
to Egypt's land to sojourn, where  
Assyrians them found;

6. And did oppress them without cause.  
Therefore, what have I here ?  
the LORD saith, That my people is  
for nought, removed in fear.
7. They that them rule make them to howl,  
the LORD saith; and my name  
each day's blasphemed continually,  
and misused, without shame.
8. My people, thus, shall know my name:  
therefore, it shall be known  
in that day, that, 'tis I that speak:  
behold, 'tis I alone.
9. What beauty have his very feet  
on mountain tops, who brings  
good tidings and who publishes  
abroad, of peaceful things.
10. Yea beautiful, that preaches peace -  
good tidings of good things;  
who publishes salvation, saying  
to Zion, Thy God reigns !
11. Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice;  
with joined voice, they shall sing:  
for eye to eye they'll see, when Zion  
again, the LORD shall bring.

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12. Thou wastes of Salem, join in joy -  
break forth, together sing.  
The LORD, Jerus'lem, hath redeemed  
and comfort he did bring.
13. The LORD made bare his holy arm  
before all nations' sight;  
and all the ends of earth shall see  
God's saving power and might.
14. Depart ye, go ye out, depart,  
no unclean thing touch ye;  
go ye out from the midst of her;  
and clean be, unto me.
15. Be clean, ye that the vessels bear,  
which b'long unto the LORD.  
For ye shall not go out with haste,  
nor by flight, as a bird:
16. For 'tis the LORD that goeth forth  
before you; and behind;  
the God of Isr'el's your rearward.  
This do ye keep in mind.
17. Behold my servant, prudently,  
shall deal, exalted he  
shall be, and he shall be extolled;  
raised very high he'll be.

18. As many 'stonished were at thee;  
far more than any man  
his visage was so marred, his form  
more than the sons of men.
19. So shall by him a number great  
of nations sprinkled be;  
e'en kings shall shut their mouths at him  
for many things they'll see -
20. Which had not once been told to them;  
no, not a single word.  
And much they shall consider, too,  
of which they had not heard.
21. Who hath believed this, our report ?  
Who hath it credence lent ?  
To whom's the LORD's arm now revealed ?  
For he'll grow, like a plant -
22. A tender plant, he shall grow up  
before him, and arise,  
as doth a root out of a ground  
that's dry 'neath cloudless skies.
23. He hath no form nor comeliness;  
and when him we shall see,  
no beauty there, shall we perceive,  
that he desired should be.

24. Despised is he, rejected too;  
of sorrows, he, a man,  
acquainted much with grief: we hid,  
as 'twere, our face from him;
25. Despised was he, we failed to give  
to him, the right esteem.  
Our griefs, so surely, hath he borne;  
our sorrows burdened him.
26. Yet we esteemed him stricken sore,  
and smitten down by God;  
afflicted was he, wounded, bruised;  
for us he felt the rod.
27. For our transgressions were his wounds,  
'twas our iniquities  
did bruise him: and the chastisement  
of our peace broke his ease;
28. And with his stripes we now are healed.  
All, we, have gone astray  
like sheep; we've turned, each one of us,  
and gone our every way;
29. Th'iniquity of all of us -  
on him, the LORD hath laid.  
Oppressed was he; afflicted, too;  
yet not one word he said.

30. He opened not his mouth: he's brought  
to slaughter, like a lamb;  
he opened not his mouth, just as  
a sheep, whilst shorn, is dumb.
31. From prison and from judgment, he  
was taken: who'll declare  
his generation ? For cut off  
was he from all who share -
32. The land of all that living be.  
He grievously was struck  
for the transgression, not his own,  
but that of mine own folk.
33. With wicked men he made his grave,  
with rich men, in his death;  
because he'd done no violence,  
deceptive not - his mouth.
34. Yet pleased the LORD was, him to bruise;  
him put to grief did he:  
when thou dost offer up his soul  
he satisfied will be.
35. When thou, for sin, shalt make his soul  
an offering, he'll see  
his seed, he shall prolong his days;  
he satisfied will be.

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36. The pleasure of the LORD shall be  
well prospered, in his hand.  
Of his soul's travail shall he see,  
and satisfied he'll stand.
37. By his great knowledge, many shall  
be freely justified,  
by this, my righteous servant. Him  
a portion, I'll divide.
38. For their iniquities he'll bear.  
Divide to him, I will  
a portion with the great and he'll  
with strong ones share the spoil.
39. For poured out freely was his soul,  
to death he poured it out:  
among transgressors, he was found.  
He did, among them, count.
40. He many's sin did bear. He prayed  
with earnest cries and long,  
for transgressors; he ministered  
with intercession strong.
41. O barren, sing, that didst not bear;  
break forth in song, cry out,  
thou that didst not travail with child  
give vent, with joy, and shout.

42. For more the children are of she  
    who once was desolate,  
the LORD saith, than the children born  
    of her of married state.
43. Enlarge the place of thine own tent,  
    forth stretch the curtains wide  
of thine own dwelling places, all.  
    Break forth, where thou dost bide.
44. Spare not and longer make thy cords,  
    thy stakes do thou make strong;  
for thou shalt break forth on the right  
    and on the left, ere long.
45. Thy seed to Gentiles shall be heir,  
    and cities desolate  
shall make to be inhabited.  
    Be not in fearful state.
46. Fear not, for shamed thou wilt not be.  
    Nor be confounded, yet.  
Thou'lt not be put to shame. Thou shalt  
    thine own youth's shame forget.
47. Thy sore reproach thou shalt forget  
    of thine own widowhood.  
For 'tis thy Maker is become  
    thine husband, for thy good.

48. The LORD of hosts is his great name;  
and thy Redeemer sure -  
the Holy One of Israel,  
thy God for evermore.
49. The God of the whole earth shall he  
be called. For he, the LORD  
hath called thee, as a woman spurned,  
in spirit grieved, unheard.
50. And as a wife of youth, when thou  
refused wast, thy God saith.  
For one small moment have I thee  
forsaken, but, in truth -
51. With mercies great, I'll gather thee.  
In but a little wrath  
my face I hid for just a space -  
a momentary breath.
52. With kindness everlasting, I'll  
yet mercy have on thee.  
Thus saith the LORD, who thee redeems -  
the One who sets thee free.
53. For this as Noah's waters is  
to me; as I did swear  
that never Noah's waters should  
again the earth go o'er.

54. So have I sworn that I would not  
rebuke thee or be wroth.  
For all the mountains shall depart  
and hills from earth go forth -
55. But never shall depart from thee  
my kindness; nor remov'd  
shall be the cov'nant of my peace  
from thee, saith thine own LORD -
56. Who mercy hath on thee. O thou  
who art afflicted sore,  
and tossed with tempest, comfortless,  
behold, what is in store -
57. I'll lay thy stones with colours fair,  
and sapphires shall I take  
to found thee. And of agates pure  
thy windows I shall make.
58. Carbuncles shall I use for gates,  
thy borders shall be wrought  
of pleasant stones. Thy children all  
shall of the LORD be taught.
59. And great shall be thy children's peace.  
Thou shalt be stablished sure  
in righteousness; oppression thou'lt  
be kept from, very far.

60. For thou'lt not fear; nor terror shall  
come near to thee. Behold,  
though surely gathered shall they be  
'gainst thee, I've not them told.
61. Whoso will congregate 'gainst thee  
shall fall for thine own sake.  
Behold the smith who fiery coals  
doth blow, I did create.
62. He bringeth forth an instrument,  
his work to carry out.  
The waster, made but to destroy -  
he, too, I did create.
63. No weapon formed against thee shall  
once prosper; every tongue  
that rises up to judge 'gainst thee,  
thou shalt, thyself, condemn.
64. This is the heritage of all  
the servants of the LORD.  
Their righteousness is all of me  
the LORD saith, by his word.
65. Ho, every one that thirsteth, come  
ye to the waters, come;  
and he that hath no money, come,  
buy ye and eat; yea, come.

66. Yea, without money, without price  
buy wine and milk, yea, buy.  
Wherefore do ye your money spend  
for no return; O, why ?
67. Why dissipate your labour on  
what cannot satisfy ?  
Why waste your money for no bread ?  
O, answer, ye; for why ?
68. With diligence, give ear to me,  
and eat ye what is good.  
And let your soul delight itself  
in fatness, filled with food.
69. Incline your ear, come unto me:  
hear, and your soul shall live;  
I'll make a covenant with you,  
sure mercies, I will give;
70. An everlasting covenant -  
and David's mercies sure.  
Lo, to the people, him I've giv'n;  
a witness, evermore.
71. Behold, to lead and to command  
I've given him, withal.  
Behold, a nation thou know'st not;  
that nation thou shalt call.

72. And nations, that thee knew not, shall  
for this cause run to thee -  
the LORD's thy God; of Israel,  
the Holy One is he.
73. Seek ye the LORD while yet he may  
be found; on him call ye  
whilst he is near: the wicked man -  
let him forsake his way.
74. And the unrighteous - let him, too,  
his very thoughts forsake:  
let him return unto the LORD;  
this good way let him take.
75. And he will mercy have on him.  
Return unto our God.  
Return, for most abundantly,  
he pardon, shall, indeed.
76. For my thoughts, saith the LORD, are not  
your thoughts; and neither are  
your ways my ways, as e'en the heav'ns  
do high'r than earth appear -
77. So are my ways much higher than  
the ways which you do go.  
And higher are the thoughts I have  
than those thoughts you do know.

*Songs of the Witnesses*

78. As rain and snow come down from heav'n,  
    remaining on the earth,  
    returning not from whence they came,  
    but cause buds to come forth -
79. That they may give seed to the sower,  
    and to the eater, bread;  
    so shall be that which from my mouth  
    goes forth - e'en mine own word.
80. Void, shall it not return to me,  
    but shall accomplish all  
    that I do please. Whereto I send  
    my word, it prosper shall.
81. For ye'll go out with joy, and forth  
    ye'll be led peacefully.  
    Before you shall the mountains all,  
    and hills, sing joyfully.
82. They'll break forth into song, and all  
    the trees their hands shall clap.  
    The fir tree shall replace the thorn  
    no more shall brier trap;
83. For myrtle trees shall rise instead.  
    the LORD shall it be for -  
    both for a name and sign that shall  
    e'erlastingly endure.

## **Song 24**

### **Ephesians**

#### **Chapter One**

1. Paul, Jesus Christ's apostle, by  
the will of God, to such  
as faithful in Christ Jesus are,  
Ephesian saints; the church.
2. From God our Father, grace to you  
and also peace be known;  
and from Lord Jesus Christ are both  
pronounced on every one.
3. Bless'd be the God and Father of  
Lord Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
who with all blessings spiritual  
us freely hath bestowed;
4. With every blessing spiritual,  
in Christ he hath us bless'd,  
in heavenlies, with Christ above,  
as he hath chosen us;

*Songs of the Witnesses*

5. As he hath chosen us in him,  
ere found the world did he,  
that we should holy be, in love,  
before him blamelessly;
6. Having predestinated us  
to sonship's gifted place,  
through Jesus Christ unto himself,  
according to his grace;
7. From the good pleasure of his will  
unto his glorious grace  
in which, in his belov'd, are we  
accepted, to his praise;
8. In whom redemption, by his blood  
have we, and are released  
from our offences, even through  
the richness of his grace.
9. Which he caused to abound to us,  
wise and intelligent;  
by making known the mystery  
to us of his intent;
10. Unto the disposition when  
times should be all fulfilled,  
all things being headed by the Christ,  
all things being now revealed;

*Songs of the Witnesses*

11. Both things in heaven and in earth;  
in him – in whom we've gained  
inheritance, which we have been  
predestined to obtain;
12. According to the purpose of  
him who works every thing:  
according to the counsel of  
the will which is of him.
13. That we should be unto the praise  
of his own glory, who  
have trusted, first, in Christ; in whom  
yourselves do trust, now, too.
14. For ye have heard the word of truth  
that gladly is proclaimed;  
that gospel of salvation true,  
of which ye're not ashamed.
15. In him, also, having believed,  
the Spirit did ye seal;  
of promise, he, and holy is,  
who is a presence real –
16. An earnest of inheritance,  
till that which is secure  
redeemed shall be; his glory's praise  
shall evermore endure.

*Songs of the Witnesses*

17. Wherefore I, also, having heard  
of your own, common faith  
in the Lord Jesus, and your love  
shown to all saints, in truth;
18. Cease not to give thanks to the God  
of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Of glory he the Father is,  
in whom we place our trust.
19. I pray that he may freely give  
a spirit unto you  
of wisdom and that doth reveal,  
in him, all that is true.
20. Your mind's eyes lightened, that ye may  
what is the hope perceive  
of your vocation, to which he  
hath called you, who believe.
21. The riches of the glory, too,  
may ye likewise perceive,  
which is his own inheritance,  
in saints who do believe.
22. And what the greatness also is  
-surpassing over all-  
of his great power which is t'ward us  
whom he did freely call;

23. According to the working of  
the might of his great strength,  
which he first wrought in Christ whom he  
raised from the dead, at length;
24. Whom having raised from 'mong the dead  
he set at his right hand  
in heavenlies, o'er every rule,  
and power and command;
25. O'er principalities and powers,  
lords and authority,  
o'er every name named in this age,  
and that which will yet be.
26. And all things put beneath his feet  
enthroned, at his right hand,  
and gave him over all to be  
the head, by his command.
27. Head over all things, to the church  
the body's head withal,  
the fullness of the one who fills  
all things which are in all.

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## Ephesians Chapter Two

1. And you dead in your trespasses,  
and sins ye did enact,  
according to this present age,  
of that world now intact;
2. According to the ruler of  
that strong authority,  
which overrules the atmosphere,  
who doth work spiritually;
3. Who works within those that are sons  
of disobedience;  
among whom, also, we all had  
therein our conduct, once;
4. In the desires of our own flesh,  
those things doing that it willed;  
that of the flesh, also its thoughts  
with which our mind was filled;
5. By nature we, wrath's children all,  
as even are the rest,  
but God who loved us with great love  
had mercy, rich, t'ward us.

6. E'en when in sins, dead, we were found,  
    he quickened us with Christ.  
By grace ye're saved; and with him, he  
    together us did raise.
7. And seated us together in  
    those places heavenly,  
within Christ Jesus that he might  
    show forth, demonstrably,
8. In ages yet to come the wealth;  
    surpassing all that's known;  
of that kind grace which he to us  
    has in Christ Jesus shown.
9. For ye are saved by grace, through faith,  
    not of yourselves at all.  
It is God's gift, not of man's works,  
    that none to boast might fall.
10. His workmanship are we, alone,  
    now in Christ Jesus made,  
unto good works, in him, by God,  
    which were, afore, ordained.
11. Wherefore remember, Gentiles, called  
    - who were such, in the past -  
"uncircumcised" by "circumcised"  
    who were, by hand, made thus;

12. From Christ ye were apart; aliens  
to Israel's fellowship.  
And strangers from the testaments  
of promise and of hope.
13. Without hope then, and without God;  
and in the world ye were.  
But in Christ Jesus, ye who once  
were far off now are near;
14. Near are ye by the blood of Christ,  
for our peace he's become,  
who made both one; that middle wall  
he now hath broken down.
15. That enmity, he in his flesh -  
that law which, in decrees,  
commandeth - he annuls, that two  
being one, all strife should cease.
16. That making peace in one new man  
he may them both restore,  
to God in the one body, through  
the cross, for evermore.
17. For having thus the enmity  
slain, and he having come,  
the gospel he did then proclaim -  
peace unto both, made one.

18. Peace unto those far off and near,  
for through him access we  
both by one Spirit have unto  
the Father, verily.
19. Strangers and sojourners, no more,  
are ye who now are called,  
but fellow citizens of saints  
and of God's own household.
20. On that foundation being built  
of the apostles twelve;  
and of the prophets, fitly framed  
with Jesus Christ himself;
21. Who being the corner stone, set first  
in whom the building's formed,  
together fit, increases to  
a temple in the Lord.
22. In whom ye also are being built  
together, jointly held,  
unto a habitation where  
God may, in spirit, dwell.

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## Ephesians Chapter Three

1. For this one cause, a prisoner  
of Jesus Christ, I, Paul,  
imprisoned am on your behalf,  
ye Gentile nations all.
2. If of that dispensation ye  
heard of which God did give  
to me, of grace towards you all,  
that grace you might receive;
3. That by the revelation shown  
to me, the mystery;  
according as I wrote before  
to you, in brevity;
4. By which ye may, by reading it,  
perceive what I possess-  
an understanding in what is  
the mystery of Christ;
5. Which heretofore was not made known  
unto the sons of men,  
as now it is revealed unto  
apostles; holy, sent.

*Songs of the Witnesses*

6. That nations in one body should  
be joint heirs, to partake  
of that one promise which he did,  
in Christ, through gospel, make.
7. Of which glad tidings was I made,  
through grace a minister,  
according to God-given gift,  
and working of his power.
8. To me, less than the least of all  
the saints, is this grace giv'n,  
that I should preach glad tidings 'mong  
all nations under heav'n.
9. Those riches which cannot be searched,  
of Christ, I should make known;  
to bring enlightenment to all;  
that to them should be shown -
10. What is the mystery's fellowship  
which, hidden once in God,  
who did create by Jesus Christ,  
all things that he hath made;
11. Might now be made known, by the church,  
to those authorities  
which in the heav'nlies do abide,  
and principalities,

*Songs of the Witnesses*

12. The wisdom, manifold, of God;  
that which was in accord  
with his eternal purpose, in  
Christ Jesus, our own Lord.
13. In whom, bold, we, in confidence,  
have access by the faith  
of him. Wherefore I do desire  
ye faint not in your path.
14. Faint not, I say, when ye do see  
the tribulation which  
I suffer, for that is for you  
a glory that is rich.
15. I kneel unto the Father of  
Lord Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
of whom the fam'ly whole, in heav'n  
and earth is named abroad.
16. For this one cause, I bow my knees  
that he would dedicate  
to you, according to the wealth  
of his own glory great,
17. To inwardly give strength to you  
and grant you power, therewith,  
by his own Spirit, that Christ may  
dwell in your hearts by faith.

*Songs of the Witnesses*

18. That rooted ye, and grounded too,  
in love, might comprehend  
with all saints, what the breadth, length, depth  
and height; to understand;
19. The love of Christ to know which doth  
pass all that may be known;  
that filled ye may be, of our God,  
with fulness, his, each one.
20. Now unto him that able is  
to do abundantly;  
exceedingly above all that  
which ask or think, might we;
21. According to the power which works  
within us, every one,  
to him be glory in the church  
through Jesus Christ, his Son.
22. Be glory in the church by him,  
through ages all which run  
unto that age which shall not end.  
Amen, yea, and Amen.

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