

The German Composite Bible

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The German Composite Bible is intended to make you think more deeply about the text by progressive comparison of literal versions. Starting with German, two English versions are progressively Compared in order to gain deeper insights into the text. The mind works differently when understanding one text, when comparing two texts and when looking at more than two. As a result, an over-all meaning is obtained, which I call a “composite” understanding. When you have reached this level of understanding, you will want to record your thoughts about what the text now says, what it means to you spiritually and how you plan to apply its meaning to your life. I hope that you will find this work a help in your studies and a blessing in understanding what God would like you to know.

German (Martin Luther)

The World English Bible

Young's Literal Translation

Micah

1 Dies ist das Wort des HERRN, welches geschah zu Micha von Moreseth zur Zeit des Jotham, Ahas und Hiskia, der Könige Juda's, das er gesehen hat über Samaria und Jerusalem.

The word of Yahweh that came to Micah the Morashtite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

A word of Jehovah that hath been unto Micah the Morashite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, kings of Judah, that he hath seen concerning Samaria and Jerusalem:

- 2 Hörst, alle Völker! merke auf, Land, und alles, was darinnen ist! denn Gott der HERR hat mit euch zu reden, ja, der HERR aus seinem heiligen Tempel.**
Hear, you peoples, all of you. Listen, earth, and all that is therein: And let the Lord Yahweh be witness against you, The Lord from his holy temple.
Hear, O peoples, all of them! Attend, O earth, and its fulness, And the Lord Jehovah is against you for a witness, The Lord from His holy temple.
- 3 Denn siehe, der HERR wird ausgehen aus seinem Ort und herabfahren und treten auf die Höhen im Lande,**
For, behold, Yahweh comes forth out of his place, And will come down and tread on the high places of the earth.
For lo, Jehovah is going out from His place, And He hath come down, And hath trodden on high places of earth.
- 4 daß die Berge unter ihm schmelzen und die Täler reißend werden, gleichwie Wachs vor dem Feuer zerschmilzt, wie die Wasser, so niederwärts fließen.**
The mountains melt under him, And the valleys split apart, Like wax before the fire, Like waters that are poured down a steep place.
Melted have been the mountains under Him, And the valleys do rend themselves, As wax from the presence of fire, As waters cast down by a slope.
- 5 Das alles um der Übertretung willen Jakobs und um der Sünden willen des Hauses Israel. Welches ist aber die Übertretung Jakobs? Ist's nicht Samaria? Welches sind aber die Höhen Juda's? Ist's nicht Jerusalem?**
All this is for the disobedience of Jacob, And for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the disobedience of Jacob? is it not Samaria? and what are the high places of Judah? aren't they Jerusalem?
For the transgression of Jacob [is] all this, And for the sins of the house of Israel. What [is] the transgression of Jacob? Is it not Samaria? And what the high places of Judah? Is it not Jerusalem?

- 6 Und ich will Samaria zum Steinhaufen im Felde machen, daß man ihre Steine um die Weinberge legt, und will ihre Steine ins Tal schleifen und sie bis zum Grund einbrechen.**

Therefore I will make Samaria as a heap of the field, [and] as places for planting vineyards; and I will pour down the stones of it into the valley, and I will uncover the foundations of it.

And I have set Samaria for a heap of the field, For plantations of a vineyard, And poured out into a valley her stones, And her foundations I uncover.

- 7 Alle ihre Götzen sollen zerbrochen und all ihr Hurenlohn soll mit Feuer verbrannt werden; und ich will ihre Bilder verwüsten, denn sie sind von Hurenlohn zusammengebracht und sollen auch wieder Hurenlohn werden.**

All her engraved images shall be beaten to pieces, and all her hires shall be burned with fire, and all her idols will I lay desolate; for of the hire of a prostitute has she gathered them, and to the hire of a prostitute shall they return.

And all her graven images are beaten down, And all her gifts are burnt with fire, And all her idols I make a desolation, For, from the hire of a harlot she gathered, and unto the hire of a harlot they return.

- 8 Darüber muß ich klagen und heulen, ich muß beraubt und bloß dahergehen; ich muß klagen wie die Schakale und trauern wie die Strauße.**

For this will I lament and wail; I will go stripped and naked; I will make a wailing like the jackals, and a lamentation like the ostriches.

For this I lament and howl, I go spoiled and naked, I make a lamentation like dragons, And a mourning like daughters of an ostrich.

- 9** Denn es ist kein Rat für ihre Plage, die bis gen Juda kommen und bis an meines Volkes Tor, bis Jerusalem hinanreichen wird.

For her wounds are incurable; for it is come even to Judah; it reaches to the gate of my people, even to Jerusalem.

For mortal [are] her wounds, For it hath come unto Judah, It hath come to a gate of My people -- to Jerusalem.

- 10** Verkündigt's ja nicht zu Gath; laßt euer Weinen nicht hören zu Akko; in Beth-Leaphra setzt euch in die Asche.

Don't tell it in Gath, don't weep at all: at Beth-le-aphrah have I rolled myself in the dust.

In Gath tell ye not -- in Acco weep not, In Beth-Aphrah, in dust roll thyself.

- 11** Du Einwohnerin Saphirs mußst dahin mit allen Schanden; die Einwohnerin Zaenans wird nicht ausziehen; das Leid Beth-Haezels wird euch wehren, daß ihr da euch lagert.

Pass away, inhabitant of Shaphir, in nakedness and shame: the inhabitant of Zaanan hasn't come forth; the wailing of Beth-ezel shall take from you the stay of it.

Pass over for thee, O inhabitant of Shaphir, Naked one of shame. Not gone out hath the inhabitant of Zaanan, The lamentation of Beth-Ezel doth take from you its standing.

- 12** Die Einwohnerin Maroths vermag sich nicht zu trösten; denn es wird das Unglück vom Herrn kommen auch bis an das Tor Jerusalems.

For the inhabitant of Maroth waits anxiously for good, because evil is come down from Yahweh to the gate of Jerusalem.

For stayed for good hath the inhabitant of Maroth, For evil hath come down from Jehovah to the gate of Jerusalem.

- 13 Du Stadt Lachis, spanne Renner an und fahre davon! denn du bist der Tochter Zion der Anfang zur Sünde, und in dir sind gefunden die Übertretungen Israels.**
Bind the chariot to the swift steed, inhabitant of Lachish: she was the beginning of sin to the daughter of Zion; for the transgressions of Israel were found in you.
- Bind the chariot to a swift beast, O inhabitant of Lachish, The beginning of sin [is] she to the daughter of Zion, For in thee have been found the transgressions of Israel.**
- 14 Du wirst dich müssen scheiden von Moreseth-Gath. Mit der Stadt Achsib wird's den Königen Israels fehlgehen.**
Therefore shall you give a parting gift to Moresheth-gath: the houses of Achzib shall be a deceitful thing to the kings of Israel.
Therefore thou givest presents to Moresheth-Gath, The houses of Achzib become a lying thing to the kings of Israel.
- 15 Ich will dir, Maresa, den rechten Erben bringen und die Herrlichkeit Israels soll kommen bis gen Adullam.**
I will yet bring to you, inhabitant of Mareshah, him who shall possess you: the glory of Israel shall come even to Adullam.
Yet the possessor I do bring in to thee, O inhabitant of Mareshah, To Adullam come in doth the honour of Israel.
- 16 Laß die Haare abscheren und gehe kahl um deiner zarten Kinder willen; mache dich ganz kahl wie ein Adler, denn sie sind von dir gefangen weggeführt.**
Make you bald, and cut off your hair for the children of your delight: enlarge your baldness as the eagle; for they are gone into captivity from you.
Make bald and shave, for thy delightful sons, Enlarge thy baldness as an eagle, For they have removed from thee!

- 1 Weh denen, die Schaden zu tun trachten und gehen mit bösen Tücken um auf ihrem Lager, daß sie es früh, wenn's licht wird, vollbringen, weil sie die Macht haben.**

Woe to those who devise iniquity and work evil on their beds! when the morning is light, they practice it, because it is in the power of their hand.

Wo [to] those devising iniquity, And working evil on their beds, In the light of the morning they do it, For their hand is -- to God.

- 2 Sie reißen Äcker an sich und nehmen Häuser, welche sie gelüftet; also treiben sie Gewalt mit eines jeden Hause und mit eines jeden Erbe.**

They covet fields, and seize them; and houses, and take them away: and they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.

And they have desired fields, And they have taken violently, And houses, and they have taken away, And have oppressed a man and his house, Even a man and his inheritance.

- 3 Darum spricht der HERR also: Siehe, ich gedenke über dies Geschlecht Böses, daß ihr euren Hals nicht daraus ziehen und daß ihr nicht so stolz dahergehen sollt; denn es soll eine böse Zeit sein.**

Therefore thus says Yahweh: Behold, against this family do I devise an evil, from which you shall not remove your necks, neither shall you walk haughtily; for it is an evil time.

Therefore, thus said Jehovah: Lo, I am devising against this family evil, From which ye do not remove your necks, Nor walk loftily, for a time of evil it [is].

- 4 Zur selben Zeit wird man einen Spruch von euch machen und klagen: Es ist aus (wird man sagen), wir sind verstört. Meines Volkes Land wird eines fremden Herrn. Wann wird er uns die Äcker wieder zuteilen, die er uns genommen hat?**

In that day shall they take up a parable against you, and lament with a doleful lamentation, [and] say, We are utterly ruined: he changes the portion of my people: how does he remove [it] from me! to the rebellious he divides our fields.

In that day doth [one] take up for you a simile, And he hath wailed a wailing of wo, He hath said, We have been utterly spoiled, The portion of my people He doth change, How doth He move toward me! To the backslider our fields He apportioneth.

- 5 Jawohl, ihr werdet keinen Teil behalten in der Gemeinde des HERRN. Therefore you shall have none who shall cast the line by lot in the assembly of Yahweh. Therefore, thou hast no caster of a line by lot In the assembly of Jehovah.**

- 6 Predigt nicht! predigen sie, denn solche Predigt trifft uns nicht; wir werden nicht so zu Schanden werden. Don't you prophesy, [thus] they prophesy. They shall not prophesy to these: reproaches shall not depart. Ye do not prophesy -- they do prophesy, They do not prophesy to these, It doth not remove shame.**

- 7 Das Haus Jakob tröstet sich also: Meinst du, der HERR sei schnell zum Zorn? Sollte er solches tun wollen? Es ist wahr, meine Reden sind freundlich den Frommen.**

Shall it be said, O house of Jacob, Is the Spirit of Yahweh straitened? are these his doings? Do not my words do good to him who walks blamelessly?

Doth the house of Jacob say, `Hath the Spirit of Jehovah been shortened? Are these His doings?` Do not My words benefit the people that is walking uprightly?

- 8 Aber mein Volk hat sich aufgemacht wie ein Feind, denn sie rauben beides, Rock und Mantel, denen, so sicher dahergehen, gleich wie die, so aus dem Kriege kommen.**

But of late my people is risen up as an enemy: you strip the robe from off the garment from those who pass by securely [as men] returned from war.

And yesterday My people for an enemy doth raise himself up, From the outer garment the honourable ornament ye strip off, From the confident passers by, Ye who are turning back from war.

- 9 Ihr treibt die Weiber meines Volkes aus ihren lieben Häusern und nehmt von ihren jungen Kindern meinen Schmuck auf immer.**

The women of my people you cast out from their pleasant houses; from their young children you take away my glory forever.

The women of My people ye cast out from its delightful house, From its sucklings ye take away My honour to the age.

- 10 Darum macht euch auf! Ihr müßt davon, ihr sollt hier nicht bleiben; um ihrer Unreinigkeit willen müssen sie unsanft zerstört werden.**

Arise you, and depart; for this is not your resting-place; because of uncleanness that destroys, even with a grievous destruction.

Rise and go, for this [is] not the rest, Because of uncleanness it doth corrupt, And corruption is powerful.

- 11 Wenn ich ein Irrgeist wäre und ein Lügenprediger und predigte, wie sie saufen und schwelgen sollten, das wäre eine Predigt für dies Volk.**
- If a man walking in a spirit of falsehood do lie, [saying], I will prophesy to you of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people.**
- If one is going [with] the wind, And [with] falsehood hath lied: `I prophesy to thee of wine, and of strong drink,` He hath been the prophet of this people!**
- 12 Ich will aber dich, Jakob, versammeln ganz und die übrigen in Israel zuhauf bringen; ich will sie wie Schafe miteinander in einen festen Stall tun und wie eine Herde in ihre Hürden, daß es von Menschen tönen soll.**
- I will surely assemble, Jacob, all of you; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as a flock in the midst of their pasture; they shall make great noise by reason of [the multitude of] men.**
- I do surely gather thee, O Jacob, all of thee, I surely bring together the remnant of Israel, Together I do set it as the flock of Bozrah, As a drove in the midst of its pasture, It maketh a noise because of man.**
- 13 Es wird ein Durchbrecher vor ihnen herauffahren; sie werden durchbrechen und zum Tor ausziehen; und ihr König wird vor ihnen her gehen und der HERR vornean.**
- The breaker is gone up before them: they have broken forth and passed on to the gate, and are gone out thereat; and their king is passed on before them, and Yahweh at the head of them.**
- Gone up hath the breaker before them, They have broken through, Yea, they pass through the gate, Yea, they go out through it, And pass on doth their king before them, And Jehovah at their head!**

1 Und ich sprach: Höret doch, ihr Häupter im Hause Jakob und ihr Fürsten im Hause Israel! Ihr solltet's billig sein, die das Recht wüßten.

I said, Please hear, you heads of Jacob, and rulers of the house of Israel: is it not for you to know justice?

And I say, `Hear, I pray you, heads of Jacob, And ye judges of the house of Israel, Is it not for you to know the judgment?

2 Aber ihr hasset das Gute und liebet das Arge; ihr schindet ihnen die Haut ab und das Fleisch von ihren Gebeinen

you who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones;

Ye who are hating good, and loving evil, Taking violently their skin from off them, And their flesh from off their bones,

3 und fresset das Fleisch meines Volkes; und wenn ihr ihnen die Haut abgezogen habt,

zerbrecht ihr ihnen auch die Gebeine und zerlegt's wie in einen Topf und wie Fleisch

in einen Kessel.

who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them, and break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron.

And who have eaten the flesh of My people, And their skin from off them have stript, And their bones they have broken, And they have spread [them] out as in a pot, And as flesh in the midst of a caldron.

- 4 Darum, wenn ihr nun zum HERRN schreien werdet, wird er euch nicht erhören, sondern wird sein Angesicht vor euch verbergen zur selben Zeit, wie ihr mit euren bösen Wesen verdient habt.**

Then shall they cry to Yahweh, but he will not answer them; yes, he will hide his face from them at that time, according as they have worked evil in their doings.

Then do they cry unto Jehovah, And He doth not answer them, And hideth His face from them at that time, As they have made evil their doings.

- 5 So spricht der HERR wider die Propheten, so mein Volk verführen: Sie predigen es solle wohl gehen, wo man ihnen zu fressen gibt; wo man aber ihnen nichts ins Maul gibt, da predigen sie, es müsse Krieg kommen.**

Thus says Yahweh concerning the prophets who make my people to err; who bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and whoever doesn't put into their mouths, they even prepare war against him:

Thus said Jehovah concerning the prophets Who are causing My people to err, Who are biting with their teeth, And have cried `Peace,` And he who doth not give unto their mouth, They have sanctified against him war.

- 6 Darum soll euer Gesicht zur Nacht und euer Wahrsagen zur Finsternis werden. Die Sonne soll über den Propheten untergehen und der Tag über ihnen finster werden.**

Therefore it shall be night to you, that you shall have no vision; and it shall be dark to you, that you shall not divine; and the sun shall go down on the prophets, and the day shall be black over them.

Therefore a night ye have without vision, And darkness ye have without divination, And gone in hath the sun on the prophets, And black over them hath been the day.

- 7 Und die Seher sollen zu Schanden und die Wahrsager zu Spott werden und müssen alle ihren Mund verhüllen, weil da kein Gotteswort sein wird.**
The seers shall be put to shame, and the diviners confounded; yes, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God.
And ashamed have been the seers, And confounded have been the diviners, And covered their lip have all of them, For their is no answer, O God.
- 8 Ich aber bin voll Kraft und Geistes des HERRN, voll Rechts und Stärke, daß ich Jakob sein Übertreten und Israel seine Sünden anzeigen darf.**
But as for me, I am full of power by the Spirit of Yahweh, and of judgment, and of might, to declare to Jacob his disobedience, and to Israel his sin.
And yet I have been full of power by the Spirit of Jehovah, And of judgment, and of might, To declare to Jacob his transgression, And to Israel his sin.
- 9 So hört doch dies, ihr Häupter im Hause Jakob und ihr Fürsten im Hause Israel, die ihr das Recht verschmäht und alles, was aufrichtig ist, verkehrt;**
Please hear this you heads of the house of Jacob, and rulers of the house of Israel, who abhor justice, and pervert all equity.
Hear this, I pray you, heads of the house of Jacob, And ye judges of the house of Israel, Who are making judgment abominable, And all uprightness do pervert.
- 10 die ihr Zion mit Blut baut und Jerusalem mit Unrecht:**
They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.
Building up Zion with blood, And Jerusalem with iniquity.

- 11 Ihre Häupter richten um Geschenke, ihre Priester lehren um Lohn, und ihre Propheten wahrsagen um Geld, verlassen sich auf den HERRN und sprechen: Ist nicht der HERR unter uns? Es kann kein Unglück über uns kommen.**

The heads of it judge for reward, and the priests of it teach for hire, and the prophets of it divine for money: yet they lean on Yahweh, and say, Is not Yahweh in the midst of us? no evil shall come on us.

Her heads for a bribe do judge, And her priests for hire do teach, And her prophets for silver divine, And on Jehovah they lean, saying, `Is not Jehovah in our midst? Evil doth not come in upon us.`

- 12 Darum wird Zion um euretwillen wie ein Acker gepflügt werden, und Jerusalem wird zum Steinhaufen werden und der Berg des Tempels zu einer wilden Höhe.**

Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.

Therefore, for your sake, Zion is ploughed a field, and Jerusalem is heaps, And the mount of the house [is] for high places of a forest!

- 1 In den letzten Tagen aber wird der Berg, darauf des HERRN Haus ist, fest stehen, höher denn alle Berge, und über die Hügel erhaben sein, und die Völker werden dazu laufen,**

But in the latter days it shall happen that the mountain of Yahweh`s house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it.

And it hath come to pass, In the latter end of the days, The mount of the house of Jehovah Is established above the top of the mounts, And it hath been lifted up above the hills, And flowed unto it have peoples.

- 2 und viele Heiden werden gehen und sagen: Kommt, laßt uns hinauf zum Berge des HERRN gehen und zum Hause des Gottes Jakobs, daß er uns lehre seine Wege und wir auf seiner Straße wandeln! Denn aus Zion wird das Gesetz ausgehen und des HERRN Wort aus Jerusalem.**

Many nations shall go and say, Come you, and let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem;

And gone have many nations and said, Come and we go up to the mount of Jehovah,

And unto the house of the God of Jacob, And He doth teach us of His ways, And we do walk in His paths, For from Zion doth go forth a law, And a word of Jehovah from Jerusalem.

- 3 Er wird unter großen Völkern richten und viele Heiden strafen in fernen Landen. Sie werden ihre Schwerter zu Pflugscharen und ihre Spieße zu Sicheln machen. Es wird kein Volk wider das andere ein Schwert aufheben und werden nicht mehr kriegen lernen.**

and he will judge between many peoples, and will decide concerning strong nations afar off: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

And He hath judged between many peoples, And given a decision to mighty nations afar off, They have beaten their swords to ploughshares, And their spears to pruning-hooks, Nation lifteth not up sword unto nation, Nor do they learn war any more.

- 4 Ein jeglicher wird unter seinem Weinstock und Feigenbaum wohnen ohne Scheu; denn der Mund des HERRN Zebaoth hat's geredet.**

But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig-tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of Yahweh of Hosts has spoken it.

And they have sat each under his vine, And under his fig-tree, And there is none troubling, For the mouth of Jehovah of Hosts hath spoken.

5 Denn ein jegliches Volk wandelt im Namen seines Gottes; aber wir wandeln im Namen des HERRN, unsers Gottes, immer und ewiglich.

For all the peoples walk everyone in the name of his god; and we will walk in the name of Yahweh our God forever and ever.

For all the peoples do walk, Each in the name of its god -- and we, We do walk in the name of Jehovah our God, To the age and for ever.

6 Zur selben Zeit, spricht der HERR, will ich die Lahmen versammeln und die Verstoßenen zuhauf bringen und die ich geplagt habe.

In that day, says Yahweh, will I assemble that which is lame, and I will gather that which is driven away, and that which I have afflicted;

In that day -- an affirmation of Jehovah, I do gather the halting one, And the driven away one I bring together, And she whom I have afflicted.

7 Und will die Lahmen machen, daß sie Erben haben sollen, und die Verstoßenen zum großen Volk machen; und der HERR wird König über sie sein auf dem Berge Zion von nun an bis in Ewigkeit.

and I will make that which was lame a remnant, and that which was cast far off a strong nation: and Yahweh will reign over them on Mount Zion from henceforth even forever.

And I have set the halting for a remnant, And the far-off for a mighty nation, And reigned hath Jehovah over them in mount Zion, From henceforth, and unto the age.

- 8 Und du, Turm Eder, du Feste der Tochter Zion, zu dir wird kommen und einkehren die vorige Herrschaft, das Königreich der Tochter Jerusalem.**

You, tower of the flock, the hill of the daughter of Zion, to you shall it come, yes, the former dominion shall come, the kingdom of the daughter of Jerusalem.

And thou, O tower of Eder, Fort of the daughter of Zion, unto thee it cometh, Yea, come in hath the former rule, The kingdom to the daughter of Jerusalem.

- 9 Warum schreist du denn jetzt so laut? Ist der König nicht bei dir? oder sind deine Ratgeber alle hinweg, daß dich also das Weh angekommen ist wie eine in Kindsnöten?**

Now why do you cry out aloud? Is there no king in you, is your counselor perished, that pangs have taken hold of you as of a woman in travail?

Now, why dost thou shout aloud? A king -- is there none in thee? Hath thy counsellor perished, That taken hold of thee hath pain as a travailing woman?

- 10 Leide doch solch Weh und kreiße, du Tochter Zion, wie eine in Kindsnöten. Denn du mußt nun zur Stadt hinaus und auf dem Felde wohnen und gen Babel kommen; aber daselbst wirst du errettet werden, daselbst wird dich der HERR erlösen von deinen Feinden.**

Be in pain, and labor to bring forth, daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail; for now shall you go forth out of the city, and shall dwell in the field, and shall come even to Babylon: there shall you be rescued; there will Yahweh redeem you from the hand of your enemies.

Be pained, and bring forth, O daughter of Zion, As a travailing woman, For now, thou goest forth from the city, And thou hast dwelt in the field, And thou hast gone unto Babylon, There thou art delivered, There redeem thee doth Jehovah from the hand of thine enemies.

- 11 Nun aber werden sich viele Heiden wider dich rotten und sprechen: Sie soll entweiht werden; wir wollen unsere Lust an Zion sehen.**

Now many nations are assembled against you, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye see [our desire] on Zion.

And now, gathered against thee have been many nations, who are saying: `Let her be defiled, and our eyes look on Zion.`

- 12 Aber sie wissen des HERRN Gedanken nicht und merken seinen Ratschlag nicht, daß er sie zuhauf gebracht hat wie Garben auf der Tenne.**

But they don't know the thoughts of Yahweh, neither understand they his counsel; for he has gathered them as the sheaves to the threshing floor.

They have not known the thoughts of Jehovah, Nor have they understood His counsel, For He hath gathered them as a sheaf [into] a threshing-floor.

- 13 Darum mache dich auf und drisch, du Tochter Zion! Denn ich will dir eiserne Hörner und eherne Klauen machen, und sollst viel Völker zermalmen; so will ich ihr Gut dem HERRN verbannen und ihre Habe dem Herrscher der ganzen Welt.**

Arise and thresh, daughter of Zion; for I will make your horn iron, and I will make your hoofs brass; and you shall beat in pieces many peoples: and I will devote their gain to Yahweh, and their substance to the Lord of the whole earth.

Arise, and thresh, O daughter of Zion, For thy horn I make iron, And thy hoofs I make brass, And thou hast beaten small many peoples, And I have devoted to Jehovah their gain, And their wealth to the Lord of the whole earth!

- 1 Aber nun, du Kriegerin, rüste dich! denn man wird uns belagern und den Richter Israels mit der Rute auf den Backen schlagen.**

Now shall you gather yourself in troops, daughter of troops: he has laid siege against us; they shall strike the judge of Israel with a rod on the cheek.

Now gather thyself together, O daughter of troops, A siege he hath laid against us, With a rod they smite on the cheek the judge of Israel.

- 2 Und du Bethlehem Ephrata, die du klein bist unter den Städten in Juda, aus dir soll mir kommen, der in Israel HERR sei, welches Ausgang von Anfang und von Ewigkeit her gewesen ist.**

But you, Beth-lehem Ephrathah, which are little to be among the thousands of Judah, out of you shall one come forth to me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting.

And thou, Beth-Lehem Ephratah, Little to be among the chiefs of Judah! From thee to Me he cometh forth -- to be ruler in Israel, And his comings forth [are] of old, From the days of antiquity.

- 3 Indes läßt er sie plagen bis auf die Zeit, daß die, so gebären soll, geboren habe; da werden dann die übrigen seiner Brüder wiederkommen zu den Kindern Israel.**

Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she who travails has brought forth: then the residue of his brothers shall return to the children of Israel.

Therefore he doth give them out till the time She who bringeth forth hath brought forth, And the remnant of his brethren return to the sons of Israel.

- 4 Er wird aber auftreten und weiden in der Kraft des HERRN und im Sieg des Namens des HERRN, seines Gottes. Und sie werden wohnen; denn er wird zur selben Zeit herrlich werden, soweit die Welt ist.**

He shall stand, and shall feed [his flock] in the strength of Yahweh, in the majesty of the name of Yahweh his God: and they shall abide; for now shall he be great to the ends of the earth.

And he hath stood and delighted in the strength of Jehovah, In the excellency of the name of Jehovah his God, And they have remained, For now he is great unto the ends of earth.

- 5 Und er wird unser Friede sein. Wenn Assur in unser Land fällt und in unsre Häuser bricht, so werden wir sieben Hirten und acht Fürsten wider ihn bestellen, This [man] shall be [our] peace. When the Assyrian shall come into our land, and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men.**

And this [one] hath been peace, Asshur! when he doth come into our land, And when he doth tread in our palaces, We have raised against him seven shepherds, And eight anointed of man.

- 6 die das Land Assur verderben mit dem Schwert und das Land Nimrods mit ihren bloßen Waffen. Also wird er uns von Assur erretten, wenn er in unser Land fallen und in unsre Grenzen brechen wird.**

They shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances of it: and he shall deliver us from the Assyrian, when he comes into our land, and when he treads within our border.

And they have afflicted the land of Asshur with the sword, And the land of Nimrod at its openings, And he hath delivered from Asshur when he doth come into our land, And when he treadeth in our borders.

- 7 Und es werden die übrigen aus Jakob unter vielen Völkern sein, wie ein Tau vom HERRN und wie die Tröpflein aufs Gras, das auf niemand harret noch auf Menschen wartet.**

The remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples as dew from Yahweh, as showers on the grass, that don't wait for man, nor wait for the sons of men.

And the remnant of Jacob hath been in the midst of many peoples, As dew from Jehovah -- as showers on the herb, That waiteth not for man, nor stayeth for the sons of men.

- 8 Ja, die übrigen aus Jakob werden unter den Heiden bei vielen Völkern sein wie ein Löwe unter den Tieren im Walde, wie ein junger Löwe unter einer Herde Schafe, welchem niemand wehren kann, wenn er dadurch geht, zertritt und zerreißt.**

The remnant of Jacob shall be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples, as a lion among the animals of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep; who, if he go through, treads down and tears in pieces, and there is none to deliver.

Yea, the remnant of Jacob hath been among nations, In the midst of many peoples, As a lion among beasts of a forest, As a young lion among ranks of a flock, Which if it hath passed through, Hath both trodden down and hath torn, And there is no deliverer.

- 9 Denn deine Hand wird siegen wider alle deine Widersacher, daß alle deine Feinde müssen ausgerottet werden.**

Let your hand be lifted up above your adversaries, and let all your enemies be cut off.

High is thy hand above thine adversaries, And all thine enemies are cut off.

- 10 Zur selben Zeit, spricht der HERR, will ich deine Rosse von dir tun und deine Wagen zunichte machen;**
It shall happen in that day, says Yahweh, that I will cut off your horses out of the midst of you, and will destroy your chariots:
And it hath come to pass in that day, An affirmation of Jehovah, I have cut off thy horses from thy midst, And I have destroyed thy chariots,
- 11 und will die Städte deines Landes ausrotten und alle deine Festen zerbrechen. and I will cut off the cities of your land, and will throw down all your strongholds.**
And I have cut off the cities of thy land, And I have thrown down all thy fortresses,
- 12 Und will die Zauberer bei dir ausrotten, daß keine Zeichendeuter bei dir bleiben sollen.**
I will cut off witchcraft out of your hand; and you shall have no [more] soothsayers:
And have cut off sorcerers out of thy hand, And observers of clouds thou hast none.
- 13 Ich will deine Bilder und Götzen von dir ausrotten, daß du nicht mehr sollst anbeten deiner Hände Werk.**
and I will cut off your engraved images and your pillars out of the midst of you; and you shall no more worship the work of your hands;
And I have cut off thy graven images, And thy standing-pillars out of thy midst, And thou dost not bow thyself any more To the work of thy hands.

14 Und will deine Ascherabilder zerbrechen und deine Städte vertilgen.

and I will pluck up your Asherim out of the midst of you; and I will destroy your cities.

And I have plucked up thy shrines out of thy midst, And I have destroyed thine enemies.

15 Und will Rache üben mit Grimm und Zorn an allen Heiden, so nicht gehorchen wollen.

I will execute vengeance in anger and wrath on the nations which didn't listen. And I have done vengeance in anger and in fury, With the nations who have not hearkened!

1 Höret doch, was der HERR sagt: Mache dich auf und rechte vor den Bergen und laß die Hügel deine Stimme hören!

Hear you now what Yahweh says: Arise, contend you before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, I pray you, that which Jehovah is saying: `Rise -- strive thou with the mountains, And cause thou the hills to hear thy voice.`

2 Höret, ihr Berge, wie der HERR rechten will, und ihr starken Grundfesten der Erde; denn der HERR will mit seinem Volk rechten und will Israel strafen.

Hear, you mountains, Yahweh's controversy, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for Yahweh has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

Hear, O mountains, the strife of Jehovah, Ye strong ones -- foundations of earth! For a strife [is] to Jehovah, with His people, And with Israel He doth reason.

3 Was habe ich dir getan, mein Volk, und womit habe ich dich beleidigt? Das sage mir!

My people, what have I done to you? and in which have I wearied you? testify against me.

O My people, what have I done to thee? And what -- have I wearied thee? Testify against Me.

4 Habe ich dich doch aus Ägyptenland geführt und aus dem Diensthause erlöst und vor dir her gesandt Mose, Aaron und Mirjam.

For I brought you up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

For I brought thee up from the land of Egypt, And from the house of servants I have ransomed thee, And I send before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

5 Mein Volk, denke doch daran, was Balak, der König in Moab, vorhatte und was ihm Bileam, der Sohn Beors, antwortete, von Sittim an bis gen Gilgal; daran ihr ja merken solltet, wie der HERR euch alles Gute getan hat.

My people, remember now what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him; [remember] from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of Yahweh.

O My people, remember, I pray you, What counsel did Balak king of Moab, What answer him did Balaam son of Beor, (From Shittim unto Gilgal,) In order to know the righteous acts of Jehovah.`

6 Womit soll ich den HERRN versöhnen, mich bücken vor dem hohen Gott? Soll ich mit Brandopfern und jährigen Kälbern ihn versöhnen?

How shall I come before Yahweh, and bow myself before the high God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

With what do I come before Jehovah? Do I bow to God Most High? Do I come before Him with burnt-offerings? With calves -- sons of a year?

- 7 Wird wohl der HERR Gefallen haben an viel tausend Widdern, an unzähligen Strömen Öl? Oder soll ich meinen ersten Sohn für meine Übertretung geben, meines Leibes Frucht für die Sünde meiner Seele?**

Will Yahweh be pleased with thousands of rams, [or] with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my disobedience, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

Is Jehovah pleased with thousands of rams? With myriads of streams of oil? Do I give my first-born [for] my transgression? The fruit of my body [for] the sin of my soul?

- 8 Es ist dir gesagt, Mensch, was gut ist und was der HERR von dir fordert, nämlich Gottes Wort halten und Liebe üben und demütig sein vor deinem Gott.**

He has showed you, man, what is good; and what does Yahweh require of you, but to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

He hath declared to thee, O man, what [is] good; Yea, what is Jehovah requiring of thee, Except -- to do judgment, and love kindness, And lowly to walk with thy God?

- 9 Es wird des HERRN Stimme über die Stadt rufen; aber wer deinen Namen fürchtet, dem wird's gelingen. Höret, ihr Stämme, was gepredigt wird!**

The voice of Yahweh cries to the city, and [the man of] wisdom will see your name: hear you the rod, and who has appointed it.

A voice of Jehovah to the city calleth, And wisdom doth fear Thy name, Hear ye the rod, and Him who appointed it.

- 10 Noch bleibt Unrecht Gut in des Gottlosen Hause und das heillose geringe Maß.**

Are there yet treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and a scant measure that is abominable?

Are there yet [in] the house of the wicked Treasures of wickedness, And the abhorred scanty ephah?

- 11 Oder sollte ich die unrechte Waage und falsche Gewichte im Beutel billigen,
Shall I be pure with wicked balances, and with a bag of deceitful weights?
Do I reckon [it] pure with balances of wickedness? And with a bag of deceitful
stones?**
- 12 durch welche ihre Reichen viel Unrecht tun? Und ihre Einwohner gehen mit Lügen
um und haben falsche Zungen in ihrem Halse.
For the rich men of it are full of violence, and the inhabitants of it have spoken
lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.
Whose rich ones have been full of violence, And its inhabitants have spoken
falsehood, And their tongue [is] deceitful in their mouth.**
- 13 Darum will ich dich auch übel plagen und dich um deiner Sünden willen wüst
machen.
Therefore I also have struck you with a grievous wound; I have made you
desolate because of your sins.
And I also, I have begun to smite thee, To make desolate, because of thy sins.**
- 14 Du sollst nicht genug zu essen haben und sollst verschmachten. Und was du
beiseite schaffst, soll doch nicht davonkommen; und was davonkommt, will ich
doch dem Schwert überantworten.
You shall eat, but not be satisfied; and your humiliation shall be in the
midst of you: and you shall put away, but shall not save; and that which you
save will I give up to the sword.
Thou -- thou eatest, and thou art not satisfied, And thy pit [is] in thy midst, And
thou removest, and dost not deliver, And that which thou deliverest, to a sword I
give.**

15 Du sollst säen, und nicht ernten; du sollst Öl keltern, und dich damit nicht salben, und Most keltern, und nicht Wein trinken.

You shall sow, but shall not reap; you shall tread the olives, but shall not anoint you with oil; and the vintage, but shall not drink the wine.

Thou -- thou sowest, and thou dost not reap, Thou -- thou treadest the olive, And thou pourest not out oil, And new wine -- and thou drinkest not wine.

16 Denn man hält die Weise Omris und alle Werke des Hauses Ahab und folgt ihrem Rat. Darum will ich dich zur Wüste machen und ihre Einwohner, daß man sie anpfeifen soll; und ihr sollt meines Volkes Schmach tragen.

For the statutes of Omri are kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab, and you walk in their counsels; that I may make you a desolation, and the inhabitants of it a hissing: and you shall bear the reproach of my people.

And kept habitually are the statutes of Omri, And all the work of the house of Ahab, And ye do walk in their counsels, For My giving thee for a desolation, And its inhabitants for a hissing, And the reproach of My people ye do bear!

1 Ach, es geht mir wie einem, der im Weinberge nachliest, da man keine Trauben findet zu essen, und wollte doch gerne die besten Früchte haben.

Woe is me! for I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits, as the grape gleanings of the vintage: there is no cluster to eat; my soul desires the first-ripe fig.

My wo [is] to me, for I have been As gatherings of summer-fruit, As gleanings of harvest, There is no cluster to eat, The first-ripe fruit desired hath my soul.

- 2 Die frommen Leute sind weg in diesem Lande, und die Gerechten sind nicht mehr unter den Leuten. Sie lauern alle auf Blut; ein jeglicher jagt den andern, daß er ihn verderbe,**

The godly man is perished out of the earth, and there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net.

Perished hath the kind out of the land, And upright among men -- there are none, All of them for blood lie in wait, Each his brother they hunt [with] a net.

- 3 und meinen, sie tun wohl daran, wenn sie Böses tun. Was der Fürst will, das spricht der Richter, daß er ihm wieder einen Dienst tun soll. Die Gewaltigen raten nach ihrem Mutwillen, Schaden zu tun, und drehen's wie sie wollen.**

Their hands are on that which is evil to do it diligently; the prince asks, and the judge [is ready] for a reward; and the great man, he utters the evil desire of his soul: thus they weave it together.

On the evil [are] both hands to do [it] well, The prince is asking -- also the judge -- for recompence, And the great -- he is speaking the mischief of his soul, And they wrap it up.

- 4 Der Beste unter ihnen ist wie ein Dorn und der Redlichste wie eine Hecke. Aber wenn der Tag deiner Prediger kommen wird, wenn du heimgesucht sollst werden, da werden sie dann nicht wissen, wo aus.**

The best of them is as a brier; the most upright is [worse] than a thorn hedge: the day of your watchmen, even your visitation, is come; now shall be their perplexity.

Their best one [is] as a brier, The upright one -- than a thorn-hedge, The day of thy watchmen -- Thy visitation -- hath come. Now is their perplexity.

5 Niemand glaube seinem Nächsten, niemand verlasse sich auf einen Freund; bewahre

die Tür deines Mundes vor der, die in deinen Armen schläft.

Don't you trust in a neighbor; don't you put confidence in a friend; keep the doors of your mouth from her who lies in your bosom.

Believe not in a friend, trust not in a leader, From her who is lying in thy bosom keep the openings of thy mouth.

6 Denn der Sohn verachtet den Vater, die Tochter setzt sich wider die Mutter, die Schwiegertochter ist wider die Schwiegermutter; und des Menschen Feinde sind sein eigenes Hausgesinde.

For the son dishonors the father, the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house.

For a son is dishonouring a father, A daughter hath stood against her mother, A daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, The enemies of each [are] the men of his house.

7 Ich aber will auf den HERRN schauen und des Gottes meines Heils warten; mein Gott wird mich hören.

But as for me, I will look to Yahweh; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me.

And I -- in Jehovah I do watch, I do wait for the God of my salvation, Hear me doth my God.

8 Freue dich nicht, meine Feindin, daß ich darniederliege! Ich werde wieder aufkommen; und so ich im Finstern sitze, so ist doch der HERR mein Licht.

Don't rejoice against me, my enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, Yahweh will be a light to me.

Thou dost not rejoice over me, O mine enemy, When I have fallen, I have risen, When I sit in darkness Jehovah is a light to me.

- 9 Ich will des HERRN Zorn tragen, denn ich habe wider ihn gesündigt, bis er meine Sache ausführe und mir Recht schaffe; er wird mich ans Licht bringen, daß ich meine Lust an seiner Gnade sehe.**

I will bear the indignation of Yahweh, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, [and] I shall see his righteousness.

The indignation of Jehovah I do bear, For I have sinned against Him, Till that He doth plead my cause, And hath executed my judgment, He doth bring me forth to the light, I look on His righteousness.

- 10 Meine Feindin wird's sehen müssen und mit aller Schande bestehen, die jetzt zu mir sagt: Wo ist der HERR, dein Gott? Meine Augen werden's sehen, daß sie dann wie Kot auf der Gasse zertreten wird.**

Then my enemy shall see it, and shame shall cover her who said to me, Where is Yahweh your God? My eyes shall see [my desire] on her; now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets.

And see doth mine enemy, And cover her doth shame, Who saith unto me, `Where [is] Jehovah thy God?` Mine eyes do look on her, Now she is for a treading-place, As mire of the out-places.

- 11 Zu der Zeit werden deine Mauern gebaut werden, und Gottes Wort wird weit auskommen.**

**A day for building your walls! in that day shall the decree be far removed.
The day to build thy walls! That day -- removed is the limit.**

- 12 Und zur selben Zeit werden sie von Assur und von den Städten Ägyptens zu dir kommen, von Ägypten bis an den Strom, von einem Meer zum andern, von einem Gebirge zum andern.**

In that day shall they come to you from Assyria and the cities of Egypt, and from Egypt even to the River, and from sea to sea, and [from] mountain to mountain.

That day -- even unto thee it doth come in, From Asshur and the cities of the fortress, And from the fortress even unto the river, And from sea to sea, and mount to mount.

- 13 Denn das Land wird wüst sein seiner Einwohner halben, um der Frucht willen ihrer Werke.**

Yet shall the land be desolate because of those who dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings.

And the land hath been for a desolation, Because of its inhabitants, Because of the fruit of their doings.

- 14 Du aber weide dein Volk mit deinem Stabe, die Herde deines Erbteils, die da besonders wohnt im Walde, mitten auf dem Karmel; laß sie zu Basan und Gilead weiden wie vor alters.**

Feed your people with your rod, the flock of your heritage, which dwell solitarily, in the forest in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.

Rule Thou Thy people with Thy rod, The flock of Thine inheritance, Dwelling alone [in] a forest in the midst of Carmel, They enjoy Bashan and Gilead as in days of old.

- 15 Ich will sie Wunder sehen lassen gleichwie zur Zeit, da sie aus Ägyptenland zogen, As in the days of your coming forth out of the land of Egypt will I show to them marvelous things.**

According to the days of thy coming forth out of the land of Egypt, I do shew it wonderful things.

- 16 daß es die Heiden sehen und alle ihre Gewaltigen sich schämen sollen und ihre Hand auf ihren Mund legen und ihre Ohren zuhalten.**

The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might; they shall lay their hand on their mouth; their ears shall be deaf.

See do nations, and they are ashamed of all their might, They lay a hand on the mouth, their ears are deaf.

- 17 Sie sollen Staub lecken wie die Schlangen und wie das Gewürm auf Erden zitternd hervorkommen aus ihren Burgen; sie werden sich fürchten vor dem HERRN, unserm Gott, und vor dir sich entsetzen.**

They shall lick the dust like a serpent; like crawling things of the earth they shall come trembling out of their close places; they shall come with fear to Yahweh our God, and shall be afraid because of you.

They lick dust as a serpent, as fearful things of earth, They tremble from their enclosures, Of Jehovah our God they are afraid, Yea, they are afraid of Thee.

18 **Wo ist solch ein Gott, wie du bist, der die Sünde vergibt und erläßt die Missetat den übrigen seines Erbteils, der seinen Zorn nicht ewiglich behält! denn er ist barmherzig.**

Who is a God like you, that pardons iniquity, and passes over the disobedience of the remnant of his heritage? he doesn't retain his anger forever, because he delights in lovingkindness.

Who [is] a God like Thee? taking away iniquity, And passing by the transgression of the remnant of His inheritance, He hath not retained for ever His anger, Because He -- He delighteth [in] kindness.

19 **Er wird sich unser wieder erbarmen, unsere Missetaten dämpfen und alle unsre Sünden in die Tiefen des Meeres werfen.**

He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities under foot; and you will cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

He doth turn back, He pitieth us, He doth subdue our iniquities, And Thou castest into the depths of the sea all their sins.

20 **Du wirst dem Jakob die Treue und Abraham die Gnade halten, wie du unsern Vätern vorlängst geschworen hast.**

You will perform the truth to Jacob, [and] the lovingkindness to Abraham, which you have sworn to our fathers from the days of old.

Thou givest truth to Jacob, kindness to Abraham, That thou hast sworn to our fathers, from the days of antiquity!