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Ode 1 - An Ode of Moses from the book of Exodus^a

“Let us sing to the Lord, for he is very greatly glorified: horse and rider he hath thrown into the sea. ² He was to me a helper and protector for salvation: this is my God and I will glorify him; my father's God, and I will exalt him. ³ The Lord bringing wars to nought, the Lord is his name.

⁴ “He hath cast the chariots of Pharaoh and his host into the sea, the chosen mounted captains: they were swallowed up in the Red Sea. ⁵ He covered them with the sea: they sank to the depth like a stone. ⁶ Thy right hand, O God, hath been glorified in strength; thy right hand, O God, hath broken the enemies. ⁷ And in the abundance of thy glory thou hast broken the adversaries to pieces: thou sentest forth thy wrath, it devoured them as stubble. ⁸ And by the breath of thine anger the water parted asunder; the waters were congealed as a wall, the waves were congealed in the midst of the sea. ⁹ The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoils; I will satisfy my soul, I will destroy with my sword, my hand shall have dominion.’ ¹⁰ Thou sentest forth thy wind, the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty water.

¹¹ “Who is like to thee among the gods, O Lord? who is like to thee? glorified in holiness, marvellous in glories, doing wonders. ¹² Thou stretchedst forth thy right hand, the earth swallowed them up.

¹³ “Thou hast guided in thy

righteousness this thy people whom thou hast redeemed, by thy strength thou hast called them into thy holy resting place. ¹⁴ The nations heard and were angry, pangs have seized on the dwellers among the Philistines. ¹⁵ Then the princes of Edom, and the chiefs of the Moabites hastened; trembling took hold upon them, all the inhabitants of Chanaan melted away. ¹⁶ Let trembling and fear fall upon them; by the greatness of thine arm, let them become as stone; till thy people pass over, O Lord, till this thy people pass over, whom thou hast purchased. ¹⁷ Bring them in and plant them in the mountain of their inheritance, in thy prepared habitation, which thou, O Lord, hast prepared; the sanctuary, O Lord, which thine hands have made ready. ¹⁸ The Lord reigneth for ever and ever and ever.

¹⁹ “For the horse of Pharaoh went in with the chariots and horsemen into the sea, and the Lord brought upon them the water of the sea, but the children of Israel walked through dry land in the midst of the sea.”

Ode 2 - An Ode of Moses from the book of Deuteronomy^b

“Attend, O heaven, and I will speak; and let the earth hear the words out of my mouth. ² Let my speech be looked for as the rain, and my words come down as dew, as the shower upon the herbage, and as snow upon the grass.

³ “For I have called on the name of the Lord: assign ye greatness to our God. ⁴ *As for God*, his works *are* true, and all his ways *are* judgment: God *is* faithful, and there is no unrighteousness *in him*; just and holy *is* the Lord.

⁵ “They have sinned, not *pleasing* him; spotted children, a froward and perverse generation. ⁶ Do ye thus recompense the Lord? *is the* people thus foolish and unwise? did not he himself thy father purchase thee, and make thee, and create thee?

^a Ode 1 - Exodus 15.1-19.

^b Ode 2 - Deuteronomy 32.1-43.

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⁷ “Remember the days of old, consider the years for past ages: ask thy father, and he shall relate to thee, thine elders, and they shall tell thee. ⁸ When the Most High divided the nations, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the nations according to the number of the angels of God. ⁹ And his people Jacob became the portion of the Lord, Israel was the line of his inheritance.

¹⁰ “He maintained him in the wilderness, in burning thirst and a dry land: he led him about and instructed him, and kept him as the apple of an eye. ¹¹ As an eagle would watch over his brood, and yearneth over his young, receiveth them having spread his wings, and taketh them up on his back: ¹² the Lord alone led them, there was no strange god with them.

¹³ “He brought them up on the strength of the land; he fed them with the fruits of the fields; they sucked honey out of the rock, and oil out of the solid rock. ¹⁴ Butter of cows, and milk of sheep, with the fat of lambs and rams, of calves and kids, with fat of kidneys of wheat; and he drank wine, the blood of the grape.

¹⁵ “So Jacob ate and was filled, and the beloved one kicked; he grew fat, he became thick and broad: then he forsook the God that made him, and departed from God his Saviour. ¹⁶ They provoked me to anger with strange gods; with their abominations they bitterly angered me. ¹⁷ They sacrificed to demons, and not to God; to gods whom they knew not: new and fresh *gods* came in, whom their fathers knew not. ¹⁸ Thou hast forsaken God that begat thee, and forgotten God who feedeth thee.

¹⁹ “And the Lord saw, and was jealous; and was provoked by the anger of his sons and daughters, ²⁰ and said, ‘I will turn away my face from them, and will shew what shall happen to them in the last days; for it is a perverse generation, sons in whom is no faith. ²¹ They have provoked me to jealousy with

that which is not God, they have exasperated me with their idols; and I will provoke them to jealousy with them that are no nation; by a foolish nation I will anger them. ²² For a fire hath been kindled out of my wrath, it shall burn to Hades below; it shall devour the earth, and the fruits thereof; it shall set on fire the foundations of the mountains.

²³ “ ‘I will gather evils upon them, and will fight with my weapons against them. ²⁴ *They shall be* consumed with hunger and the devouring of birds, and there shall be irremediable destruction: I will send forth against them the teeth of wild beasts, with the rage of *serpents* creeping on the ground. ²⁵ Without, the sword shall bereave them of children, and terror *shall issue* out of the secret chambers; the young man shall perish with the virgin, the suckling with him who hath grown old. ²⁶ I said, ‘I will scatter them, and I will cause their memorial to cease from among men.’ ²⁷ Were it not for the wrath of the enemy, lest they should live long, lest their enemies should combine against them; lest they should say, ‘Our own high arm, and not the Lord, hath done all these things.’ ’

²⁸ “It is a nation that hath lost counsel, neither is there understanding in them. ²⁹ They had not sense to understand: let them reserve these things against the time to come. ³⁰ How should one pursue a thousand, and two rout tens of thousands, if God had not sold them, and the Lord delivered them up? ³¹ For their gods are not as our God, but our enemies *are* void of understanding. ³² For their vine *is* of the vine of Sodom, and their vine-branch of Gomorrha: their grape *is* a grape of gall, their cluster *is* one of bitterness. ³³ Their wine *is* the rage of dragons, and the incurable rage of asps.

³⁴ “ ‘Lo! are not these things stored up by me, and sealed among my treasures? ³⁵ In the day of vengeance I will recompense, whensoever their foot shall be tripped up; for the day of their

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destruction *is* near to them, and the judgments at hand are close upon you.’

³⁶ “For the Lord shall judge his people, and shall be comforted over his servants; for he saw that they were utterly weakened, and failed in the hostile invasion, and were become feeble: ³⁷ and the Lord said, ‘Where are their gods on whom they trusted? ³⁸ the fat of whose sacrifices ye ate, and ye drank the wine of their drink offerings? let them arise and help you, and be your protectors.

³⁹ “ ‘Behold, behold that I am *he*, and there is no god beside me: I kill, and I will make to live: I will smite, and I will heal; and there is none who shall deliver out of my hands. ⁴⁰ For I will lift up my hand to heaven, and swear by my right hand, and I will say, I live for ever. ⁴¹ For I will sharpen my sword like lightning, and my hand shall take hold of judgment; and I will render judgment to my enemies, and will recompense them that hate me. ⁴² I will make my weapons drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh, *it shall glut itself* with the blood of the wounded, and from the captivity of the heads of *their* enemies that rule over them.’

⁴³ “Rejoice, ye heavens, with him, and let all the angels of God worship him; rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people, and let all the sons of God strengthen themselves in him; for he will avenge the blood of his sons, and he will render vengeance, and recompense justice to his enemies, and will reward them that hate him; and the Lord shall purge the land of his people.”

Ode 3 - A Prayer of Anna the Mother of Samuel^a

“My heart is established in the Lord, my horn is exalted in my God; my mouth is enlarged over my enemies, I have rejoiced in thy salvation.

² “For there is none holy as the Lord, and there is none righteous as our

God; there is none holy besides thee.

³ “Boast not, and utter not high things; let not high-sounding words come out of your mouth, for the Lord *is* a God of knowledge, and God prepareth his own designs.

⁴ “The bow of the mighty hath waxed feeble, and the weak have girded themselves with strength. ⁵ They that were full of bread are brought low. And the hungry have forsaken the land. For the barren hath born seven, and she that abounded in children hath waxed feeble.

⁶ “The Lord killeth and maketh alive; he bringeth down to Hades, and bringeth up. ⁷ The Lord maketh poor, and maketh rich; he bringeth low, and lifteth up. ⁸ He lifteth up the poor from the earth, and raiseth the needy from the dunghill; to seat him with the princes of the people, and causing them to inherit the throne of glory: ⁹ granting his petition to him that prayeth. And he blesseth the years of the righteous, for by strength cannot man prevail.

¹⁰ “The Lord will weaken his adversary; the Lord *is* holy. Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, nor let the mighty man boast in his strength, and let not the rich man boast in his wealth; but let him that boasteth boast in this, to understand and know the Lord, and to execute judgment and justice in the midst of the earth. The Lord hath gone up to the heavens, and hath thundered: he will judge the extremities of the earth, and he giveth strength to our kings, and will exalt the horn of his Christ.”

Ode 4 - A Prayer of Ambacum^b

² O Lord, I have heard the report of thee, and was terrified: I have considered thy works, and was amazed: in the midst of two lives shalt thou be known: when the years draw nigh, thou shalt be acknowledged; when the time is come, thou shalt be manifested; when

^a Ode 3 - 1Kingsdoms 2.1-10.

^b Ode 4 - Ambacum 3.2-19.

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my soul is troubled, thou wilt in wrath remember mercy.

³ God shall come from Thaeman, and the Holy One from a woody, shady mount. Pause. ⁴ His excellence covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise. And his brightness shall be as light; *there were* horns in his hands, and he caused a mighty love of his strength. ⁵ Before his face shall go a report, and it shall go forth into the plains, ⁶ the earth stood at his feet and trembled: he beheld, and the nations melted away: the mountains were violently burst through, the everlasting hills melted at his everlasting going forth. ⁷ Because of troubles I looked upon the tents of the Ethiopians: the tabernacles also of the land of Madiam shall be dismayed.

⁸ Wast thou angry, O Lord, with the rivers? or *was* thy wrath against the rivers, or thine anger against the sea? for thou wilt mount on thine horses, and thy chariots are salvation. ⁹ Surely thou didst bend they bow at scepters, saith the Lord. Pause.

The land of rivers shall be torn asunder. ¹⁰ The nations shall see thee and be in pain, *as thou dost* divide the moving waters. The abyss uttered her voice, and raised her form on high.

¹¹ The sun was exalted, and the moon stood still in her course: thy darts shall go forth at the light, at the brightness of the gleaming of thine arms. ¹² Thou wilt bring low the land with threatening, and in wrath thou wilt break down the nations. ¹³ Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, to save thine anointed: thou shalt bring death on the heads of transgressors; thou hast brought bands upon *their* neck. Pause. ¹⁴ Thou didst cut asunder the heads of princes with amazement, they shall tremble in it; they shall burst their bridles, *they shall be* as a poor man devouring in secret. ¹⁵ And thou dost cause thine horses to enter the sea, disturbing much water.

¹⁶ I watched, and my belly trembled at the sound of the prayer of my lips,

and trembling entered into my bones, and my frame was troubled within me. I will rest in the day of affliction, from going up to the people of my sojourning.

¹⁷ For *though* the fig tree shall bear no fruit, and there shall be no produce on the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall produce no food; the sheep have failed from the pasture, and there are no oxen at the cribs; ¹⁸ yet I will exult in the Lord, I will joy in God my Saviour.

¹⁹ The Lord God is my strength, and he will perfectly strengthen my feet. He mounts me upon high places, that I may conquer by his song.

Ode 5 - A Prayer of Esaias^a

⁹ My spirit seeketh thee very early in the morning, O God, for thy commandments are a light on the earth: learn righteousness, ye that dwell upon the earth. ¹⁰ For the ungodly one is put down: no one who will not learn righteousness on the earth, shall be able to do the truth: let the ungodly be taken away, that he see not the glory of the Lord. ¹¹ O Lord, thine arm is exalted, yet they knew it not: but when they know they shall be ashamed: jealousy shall seize upon an untaught nation, and now fire shall devour the adversaries.

¹² O Lord our God, give us peace: for thou hast rendered to us all things. ¹³ O Lord our God, take possession of us: O Lord, we know not *any* other beside thee: we name thy name. ¹⁴ But the dead shall not see life, neither shall physicians by any means raise *them* up: therefore thou hast brought *wrath* upon *them*, and slain *them*, and hast taken away every male of them. Bring more evils upon them, O Lord; ¹⁵ bring more evils on the glorious ones of the earth.

¹⁶ Lord, in affliction I remembered thee; thy chastening was to us with small affliction. ¹⁷ And as a woman in travail draweth nigh to be delivered, *and* crieth out in her pain; so have we been

^a Ode 5 - Esaias 26.9-20.

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to thy beloved. ¹⁸ We have conceived, O Lord, because of thy fear, and have been in pain, and have brought forth the breath of thy salvation, which we have wrought upon the earth: we shall not fall, but all that dwell upon the land shall fall.

¹⁹ The dead shall rise, and they that are in the tombs shall be raised, and they that are in the earth shall rejoice: for the dew from thee is healing to them: but the land of the ungodly shall perish.

²⁰ Go, my people, enter into thy closets, shut thy door, hide thyself for a little season, until the anger of the Lord have passed away.

Ode 6 - A Prayer of Jonas ^a

³ “I cried in my affliction to the Lord my God, and he hearkened to me, *even* to my cry out of the belly of Hades: thou heardest my voice. ⁴ Thou didst cast me into the depths of the heart of the sea, and the floods compassed me. All thy billows and thy waves have passed upon me. ⁵ And I said, ‘I am cast out of thy presence: shall I indeed look again toward thy holy temple?’ ⁶ Water was poured around me to the soul. The lowest abyss compassed me; my head went down to the clefts of the mountains. ⁷ I went down into the earth, whose bars are the everlasting barriers. Yet, O Lord my God, let my ruined life be restored. ⁸ When my soul was failing me, I remembered the Lord; and may my prayer come to thee into thy holy temple.

⁹ “They that observe vanities and lies have forsaken their own mercy. ¹⁰ But I will sacrifice to thee with the voice of praise and thanksgiving: all that I have vowed I will pay to thee, the Lord of *my* salvation.”

Ode 7 - A Prayer of Azarias ^b

²⁶ “Blessed art thou, O Lord God of

our fathers: thy name is worthy to be praised and glorified for evermore: ²⁷ for thou art righteous in all the things that thou hast done to us: yea, true are all thy works, thy ways are right, and all thy judgments truth. ²⁸ In all the things that thou hast brought upon us, and upon the holy city of our fathers, even Jerusalem, thou hast executed true judgment: for according to truth and judgment didst thou bring all these things upon us because of our sins. ²⁹ For we have sinned and committed iniquity, departing from thee. ³⁰ In all things have we trespassed, and not obeyed thy commandments, nor kept them, neither done as thou hast commanded us, that it might go well with us. ³¹ Wherefore all that thou hast brought upon us, and every thing that thou hast done to us, thou hast done in true judgment. ³² And thou didst deliver us into the hands of lawless enemies, most hateful forsakers of God, and to an unjust king, and the most wicked in all the world. ³³ And now we cannot open our mouths, we are become a shame and reproach to thy servants; and to them that worship thee.

³⁴ “Yet deliver us not up wholly, for thy name’s sake, neither disannul thou thy covenant: ³⁵ and cause not thy mercy to depart from us, for thy beloved Abraham’s sake, for thy servant Isaac’s sake, and for thy holy Israel’s sake; ³⁶ to whom thou hast spoken and promised, that thou wouldest multiply their seed as the stars of heaven, and as the sand that lieth upon the seashore. ³⁷ For we, O Lord, are become less than any nation, and be kept under this day in all the world because of our sins. ³⁸ Neither is there at this time prince, or prophet, or leader, or burnt offering, or sacrifice, or oblation, or incense, or place to sacrifice before thee, and to find mercy. ³⁹ Nevertheless in a contrite heart and an humble spirit let us be accepted. ⁴⁰ Like as in the burnt offerings of rams and bullocks, and like as in ten thousands of fat lambs: so let our sacrifice be in thy sight this day, and grant that we may

^a Ode 6 - Jonas 2.3-10.

^b Ode 7 - Daniel 3.26-45.

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wholly go after thee: for they shall not be confounded that put their trust in thee.⁴¹ And now we follow thee with all our heart, we fear thee, and seek thy face.⁴² Put us not to shame: but deal with us after thy lovingkindness, and according to the multitude of thy mercies.⁴³ Deliver us also according to thy marvellous works, and give glory to thy name, O Lord: and let all them that do thy servants hurt be ashamed;⁴⁴ and let them be confounded in all their power and might, and let their strength be broken;⁴⁵ and let them know that thou art God, the only God, and glorious over the whole world.”

Ode 8 - The Song of the Three Young Men^a

⁵² “Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers: and to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

“And blessed is thy glorious and holy name: and to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

⁵³ “Blessed art thou in the temple of thine holy glory: and to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

⁵⁴ “Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths, and sittest upon the cherubims: and to be praised and exalted above all for ever.

⁵⁵ “Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom: and to be praised and glorified above all for ever.

⁵⁶ “Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven: and above all to be praised and glorified for ever.

⁵⁷ “O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever,

⁵⁸ “O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁵⁹ “O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁶⁰ “O all ye waters that be above the heaven, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁶¹ “O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁶² “O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁶³ “O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁶⁴ “O every shower and dew, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁶⁵ “O all ye winds, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever,

⁶⁶ “O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁶⁷ “O ye winter and summer, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁶⁸ “O ye dews and storms of snow, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁶⁹ “O ye ice and cold, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁷⁰ “O ye frost and snow, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁷¹ “O ye nights and days, bless ye the Lord: bless and exalt him above all for ever.

⁷² “O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁷³ “O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁷⁴ “O let the earth bless the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁷⁵ “O ye mountains and little hills, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁷⁶ “O all ye things that grow in the earth, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁷⁷ “O ye springs, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁷⁸ “O ye seas and rivers, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for

^a Ode 8 - Daniel 3.52-88.

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ever.

⁷⁹ “O ye whales, and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁸⁰ “O all ye fowls of the heaven, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁸¹ “O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁸² “O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁸³ “O Israel, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁸⁴ “O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁸⁵ “O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁸⁶ “O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁸⁷ “O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.

⁸⁸ “O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord: praise and exalt him above all for ever.”

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A Prayer of Mary the Theotokos

⁴⁶ And Mary said, “My soul doth magnify the Lord, ⁴⁷ and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. ⁴⁸ For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. ⁴⁹ For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy *is* his name. ⁵⁰ And his mercy *is* on them that fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. ⁵² He hath put down the mighty from *their* seats, and exalted them of low degree. ⁵³ He

hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. ⁵⁴

He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of *his* mercy; ⁵⁵ as he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever.”

A Prayer of Zacharias

⁶⁸ “Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, ⁶⁹ and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; ⁷⁰ as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old: ⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; ⁷² to perform the mercy *promised* to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; ⁷³ the oath which he sware to our father Abraham, ⁷⁴ that he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. ⁷⁶ And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; ⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, ⁷⁸ through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, ⁷⁹ to give light to them that sit in darkness and *in* the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Ode 10 - A Song of Esaias^b

“Now I will sing to *my* beloved a song of my beloved concerning my vineyard. *My* beloved had a vineyard on a high hill in a fertile place. ² And I made a hedge round it, and dug a trench, and planted a choice vine, and built a tower in the midst thereof, and dug a place for the wine vat in it: and I waited *for it* to bring forth grapes, and it brought forth thorns.

^a Ode 9 - Luke 1.46-55, 68-79.

^b Ode 10 - Esaias 5.1-9.

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³ “And now, ye dwellers in Jerusalem, and *every* man of Juda, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What shall I do any more to my vineyard, that I have not done to it? Whereas I expected *it* to bring forth grapes, but it hath brought forth thorns. ⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it shall be for a spoil; and I will pull down its walls, and it shall be *left* to be trodden down. ⁶ And I will forsake my vineyard; and it shall not be pruned, nor dug, and thorns shall come up upon it as on barren land; and I will command the clouds to rain no rain upon it.

⁷ “For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Juda *his* beloved plant. I expected *it* to bring forth judgment, and it brought forth iniquity; and not righteousness, but a cry.”

⁸ Woe unto *them that* join house to house, and add field to field, that they may take away something of their neighbor’s: will ye dwell alone upon the land?

⁹ For these things have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts

Ode 11 - A Prayer of Ezekias^a

¹⁰ I said in the end of my days, “I shall go to the gates of Hades: I shall part with the remainder of my years.” ¹¹ I said, “I shall no more at all see the salvation of God in the land of the living: I shall no more at all see the salvation of Israel on the earth: I shall no more at all see man. ¹² *My life* hath failed from among my kindred: I have parted with the remainder of my life: it hath gone forth and departed from me, as one that having pitched a tent taketh it down *again*: my breath was with me as a weaver’s web, when she that weaveth draweth nigh to cut off *the* thread. ¹³ In that day I was given up as to a lion until the morning: so hath he broken all my bones: for I was so given

^a Ode 11 - Esaias 38.10-20.

up from day *even* to night. ¹⁴ As a swallow, so will I cry, and as a dove, so do I mourn: for mine eyes have failed with looking to the height of heaven to the Lord, who hath delivered me, ¹⁵ and removed the sorrow of my soul.”

¹⁶ *Yea*, O Lord, for it was told thee concerning this; and thou hast revived my breath; and I am comforted, and live.

¹⁷ For thou hast chosen my soul, that it should not perish: and thou hast cast all *my* sins behind me. ¹⁸ For they that are in the grave shall not praise thee, neither shall the dead bless thee, neither shall they that are in Hades hope for thy mercy. ¹⁹ The living shall bless thee, as I also *do*: for from this day shall I make children, who shall declare thy righteousness, ²⁰ O God of my salvation; and I will not cease blessing thee with the psaltery all the days of my life before the house of God.

Ode 12 - A Prayer of Manasses^b

¹ O Lord, Almighty God of our fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of their righteous seed; ² who hast made heaven and earth, with all the ornament thereof; ³ who hast bound the sea by the word of thy commandment; who hast shut up the deep, and sealed it by thy terrible and glorious name; ⁴ whom all men fear, and tremble before thy power; ⁵ for the majesty of thy glory cannot be borne, and thine angry threatening toward sinners is importable: ⁶ but thy merciful promise is unmeasurable and unsearchable; ⁷ for thou art the most high Lord, of great compassion, longsuffering, very merciful, and repentest of the evils of men. Thou, O Lord, according to thy great goodness hast promised repentance and forgiveness to them that have sinned against thee: and of thine infinite mercies hast appointed repentance unto sinners, that they may be saved. ⁸ Thou therefore, O Lord, that art the God of the

^b Ode 12 - See the reference to this prayer in 2Paralipomenon 33.11-13.

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just, hast not appointed repentance to the just, as to Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, which have not sinned against thee; but thou hast appointed repentance unto me that am a sinner: ⁹ for I have sinned above the number of the sands of the sea. My transgressions, O Lord, are multiplied: my transgressions are multiplied, and I am not worthy to behold and see the height of heaven for the multitude of mine iniquities. ¹⁰ I am bowed down with many iron bands, that I cannot lift up mine head, neither have any release: for I have provoked thy wrath, and done evil before thee: I did not thy will, neither kept I thy commandments: I have set up abominations, and have multiplied offences.

¹¹ Now therefore I bow the knee of mine heart, beseeching thee of grace. ¹² I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, and I acknowledge mine iniquities: ¹³ wherefore, I humbly beseech thee, forgive me, O Lord, forgive me, and destroy me not with mine iniquities. Be not angry with me for ever, by reserving evil for me; neither condemn me to the lower parts of the earth. For thou art the God, even the God of them that repent; ¹⁴ and in me thou wilt shew all thy goodness: for thou wilt save me, that am unworthy, according to thy great mercy. ¹⁵ Therefore I will praise thee for ever all the days of my life: for all the powers of the heavens do praise thee, and thine is the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Ode 13 - A Prayer of Simeon^a

²⁹ "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: ³⁰ for mine eyes have seen thy salvation, ³¹ which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; ³² a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel."

^a Ode 13 - Luke 2.29-32.

Ode 14 - A Song of Early Morning

¹ Glory to God in the highest!
and on earth, peace,
good will toward men.^b
We praise thee,
⁵ we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee
for thy great glory:
¹⁰ Oh Lord *God*,
heavenly king,
God the Father Almighty;
Oh Lord, the only-begotten Son,
Jesus Christ;
¹⁵ and the Holy Spirit.
Oh Lord God,
Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the
world,
²⁰ have mercy on us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the
world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sitteth on the right hand of
the Father,
have mercy on us.
²⁵ For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord,
Jesus Christ,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.
Every day I will bless thee,
³⁰ and I will praise thy name
for ever and ever.^c
Deem *us* worthy this day, O Lord,
and keep us blameless.
Blessed art thou, O God of our
fathers;
³⁵ Worthy is thy name to be praised and
glorified forever. Amen.
Blessed art thou, O Lord; teach me
thine ordinances.^d
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^b Ode 14, line 3 - Luke 2.14, in agreement with the New Testament Majority Text.

^c Line 31 - Psalm 144.2.

^d Line 36 - Psalm 118.12.

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Blessed art thou, O Lord; teach me
thine ordinances

Lord, thou hast been our refuge in
all generations.^a

⁴⁰ I said, O Lord, have mercy upon me;
heal my soul; for I have sinned
against thee.^b

O Lord, I have fled to thee for
refuge.

Teach me to do thy will, for thou art
my God.^c

For with thee is the fountain of life:
⁴⁵ in thy light we shall see light.

Extend thy mercy to them that know
thee.^d

^a Line 39 - Psalm 89.1.

^b Line 41 - Psalm 40.4.

^c Line 43 - Psalm 142.9-10.

^d Line 46 - Psalm 35.9-10.