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1 Samuel 8:11-18

He said, This will be the judgment of the king who will reign over you: your sons he will take and set them among his chariots and his horsemen, and they will run in front of his chariots; he will also appoint himself chiefs of thousands and chiefs of fifties, and some to plough his fields and to harvest his crop and to make weapons of war and riding gear. And your daughters he will take for perfumers and cooks and bakers. Your choice fields and vineyards and olive groves he will take and give to his servants. He will tithe your seed and vineyard and give it to his officers and servants. Your servants and maids and choice cattle and ass he will take and impress. Your flocks he will tithe and you will be his slaves. And you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you chose for yourself, and YHWH will not answer you in that day.

2 Samuel 7:11-16

YHWH declares to you that YHWH will build a house for you. When your days are fulfilled and you lie with your fathers I shall raise up your seed after you that came from your loins and appoint him your kingdom. He will build a house for my name and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him and he will be a son to me. When he does wrong I will punish him with the judgment of men and with the punishments of men. My compassion I shall not remove from him as I removed it from Saul, whom I removed before you. Your house and your kingdom will be sure forever before you. Your throne will be established forever.

Isaiah 45:1-7

So says YHWH to his messiah, to Cyrus - whom I have taken by the right hand to bring nations down before him, loose the loins of kings, and open to him doors and gates that shall not be closed. I shall go before you and level obstacles and break doors of bronze and shatter bars of iron. I will give you treasures of darkness and secret stashes so you will know that I am YHWH, God of Israel, who calls you by name. For my servant Jacob, even Israel my chosen: I call you by name and entitle you, although you do not know me. I am YHWH, and there is no god beside me. I equip you and you do not know me, that it might be known from the rising of the sun and the west that there is nothing apart from me. I am YHWH and there is not another. Forming light and making darkness, doing peace and making evil, and YHWH who does all these things!

1 Maccabees 14:28-30

In a great congregation of priests, people, rulers of the nation, and the elders of the country, it was made known by us: since there have often been wars in our country, Simon, the son of Mattathias, priest of the sons of Jarib, and his brothers, have put themselves in danger, and resisted the adversaries of their nation, in order that their holy places and the law might stand and that they might glorify their nation with great glory. And after Jonathan gathered together their nation, and became high priest to them, he was added to his people. When their enemies desired to invade and to reach with their hands against their holy places, then Simon resisted and fought for his nation, and spent much of his own money, and armed the strong men of his nation, and gave them wages. He fortified the cities of Judea and Bethsura that lies in the borders of Judea, where the warriors' armory of the used to be: he placed there a garrison of Jewish men. And he fortified Joppa by the sea, and Gazara on borders on Azotus, where the warriors used to dwell, and he settled Jews there, and furnished them with all they needed for restoration. The people saw the faith of Simon and to the glory that he meant to bring his nation, made him their leader and high priest, because he had done all these things, and for the justice and faith which he kept towards his nation, and because he sought by all means to exalt his people.

Genesis Rabbah 19.9

Rabbi Abbahu in the name of Rabbi Yosé bar Haninah, It is written, But they are like a man, they have transgressed the covenant. They are like a man - specifically, the first man. In the case of the first man, I brought him into the Garden of Eden, I commanded him, he violated my commandment, I judged him to be sent away and driven out, but I mourned for him.... So too in the case of his descendants, I brought them into the land of Israel, I commanded them, they violated my commandment, I judged them to be sent out and driven away but I mourned for them.

Bavli, tractate Yoma 10a

Rabbi Joshua b. Levi said Rabbi said, Rome is destined to fall by the hand of Persia: Therefore hear the counsel of the Lord, that he has taken against Edom; and his purpose, that he has planned against the inhabitants of Teman... (Jeremiah 49:20).