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Verse 1

**Moreover, the Lord said to me:**

Take thee a great roll, and write in it with a man's pen,  
concerning "Maher-shalal-hash-baz".

(Take a large scroll and write on it in common script: "Hasten the plunder, Hurry the spoil")

Verse 2

**And I took unto me faithful witnesses to record** (for me);

(and) Uriah the priest,  
Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah.

Verse 3

(And ) **I went unto the prophetess:**

(and) She conceived,  
(and) She bore a son.

(The Prophetess - Isaiah's wife)

**Then said the Lord to me:**

Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz (Hasten the plunder, Hurry the spoil).

Verse 4

**For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, "My Father" and, "My mother":**

(And) The riches of Damascus (Capital of Syria),  
The spoil of Samaria (Capital of the Kingdom of Israel),

Shall be taken away before the King of Assyria.

- Verse 5                               **The Lord spake also unto me again, saying:**
- Verse 6                               **Forasmuch** as (these) people refuseth the Waters of Shiloah  
that go softly, and rejoice in Rezin (Syria's King) and  
Remaliah's son (King Pekah – Kingdom of Israel).
- Verse 7                               **Now therefore,** behold, the Lord bringeth up upon them the  
Waters of The River, strong and many, even the King of  
Assyria, and all his glory.
- (Rivers/Waters – Can be a force for peace or chaos – Lord's Tool – Euphrates River/Chaos – Shiloh/Peace)
- Verse 8                               (And) He shall come up over all his channels,  
(and) He shall go over all his banks.  
(And) He shall pass through Judah,  
He shall overflow and go over.  
He shall reach even to the neck.  
He shall stretch out of his wings,  
He shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel.
- Verse 9                               (If ye) Associate yourselves, O ye people (nations)  
(and) Ye shall be broken in pieces (Ye shall be in fear).
- (and)                               **Give ear, all ye of far countries:**
- (and)                               (If ye) Gird (arm) yourselves,  
Ye shall be broken in pieces (Ye shall be terrorized).
- (You may take courage in one another, but shall be in fear, you may arm yourselves, but shall be terrorized.)
- Verse 10                               A Take counsel together (hold consultations),  
(and) B (They) shall come to nought,
- (and)                               A Speak the word (make proposals),  
B (They) shall not stand for God is with us! (The Assyrians)
- Verse 11                               (For)                               **The Lord spake thus to me, (clasping my) hand, and instructed  
me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying,  
Verse 12                               “Say ye not, a confederacy!” Say ye to all them to whom  
this people shall say, “A Confederacy!”:**
- Neither fear ye their fear,  
Nor be afraid.

Verse 13		<b>Sanctify the Lord of Hosts himself:</b>
	(and)	Let him be your fear,
	(and)	Let him be your dread.
Verse 14	(And)	<b>He shall be</b> (to you - <b>Isaiah</b> ) <b>a sanctuary,</b> (But to the two houses of Israel:)
	(but)	A He shall be for a stone of stumbling,
	(and)	B He shall be for a rock of offence,
	(and)	C He shall be for a gin (trap) and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
Verse 15	(And)	A Many among them shall stumble,
	(and)	B Many among them shall fall and be broken,
	(and)	C Many among them shall be snared and taken.
Verse 16		<b>(For the Lord has said:)</b>
		Bind up the testimony, Seal the law among my disciples.
		(These will be times when the prophets and leaders will not be allowed to teach openly or will not receive revelation for the people.)
Verse 17	(And)	I will wait upon the Lord, that hideth his face from the House of Jacob,
	(and)	I will look for him.
Verse 18		<b>Behold,</b> I and the children whom the Lord hath given me, are for signs and for wonders in Israel, from the Lord of Hosts, which dwelleth in Mount Zion.
		(Isaiah's name: "Jehovah Saves", Isaiah's Sons: 1. Shear-Jashub: "A Remnant Shall Return" 2. Maher-shalal-hash-baz: "Hasten the Plunder, Hurry the Spoil" - Some think that another son of Isaiah's was the boy referenced in chapter 7 - Immanuel: "God Is With Us" - Others think that the son Maher-shalal-hash-baz was given a second name of Immanuel see Understanding Isaiah Pg. 73)
		<b>And when they shall say unto you:</b>
	(and)	"Seek unto them that have familiar spirits (mediums), (Seek) unto wizards that peep (huddle together), and that mutter."
		(Because the Lord has sealed up the revelations and prophets are not prophesying for a time there will be those who resort to mediums or spiritualists, séances etc. to gain information. Isaiah says in those times he will wait on the Lord and remember that he and his children bear prophecies from the Lord in their very names.)

**(Say to them:)**

Should not a people seek unto their God for the living to the dead?

Should not a people seek unto their God (for) the law and the testimony?

(Should one inquire of the dead, on behalf of the living, for doctrine and for a testimony?)

**If they** speak not according to this word, (doctrine and testimony), it is because there is no light in them.

(And) **They** (the Mediums and Wizards) shall pass through it (Israel) hardly, bestead and hungry. (They roam about embittered by hunger)

(And) **It shall come to pass:**

(That) When they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves,

(and) When they shall be hungry, they shall curse their king, and their god, and look upward.

(And) **They shall look unto the earth, and behold:**

Trouble and darkness,

Dimness of anguish and driven to darkness.

(They shall look to the land, but there shall be a depressing scene of anguish and gloom, and thus are they banished into outer darkness.)

## **Chapter 9:**

Verse 1

**Nevertheless, the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation:**

**When at first**, he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulon and the land of Naphtali,

(and) **Afterward**, did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee, of the nations.

[This sentence has been translated poorly in the KJV. Here is the translation from Professor Gileadi:](#)

(But it shall not be gloomy to those who have been in anguish for her. In the past, he humbled the land of Zebulon and Naphtali, but at the last, he will exalt the sea route by the Jordan, in Galilee of the nations.)

[\(See – 2 Kings 17:6 – The lands of Zebulon and Naphtali were part of the route of exile into Assyria when Israel was taken captive. Jesus began his teaching in the lands of Zebulon and Naphtali – Galilee Area – So this prophecy does show the time when the lands will be exalted– Matt. 4: 13-16\)](#)