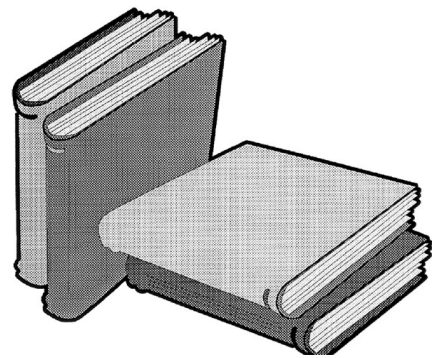


The Rock and Pit

*Look unto the rock whence ye are hewn,
and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged.*

Isa 51:1

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Bits of Jeremiah. A Great Pestilence.

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^{2:2} “I remember the devotion of your youth,
Your love as a bride.

How you followed me in the wilderness,
In a land not sown.

³ Israel was holy to the LORD,
The firstfruits of his harvest. ...”

^{3:13} Only acknowledge your guilt that
you rebelled against the LORD your
God. ...

^{21:2} [Zedekiah, the king of Israel,
addresses
Jeremiah.]

“Inquire of the LORD for us, for
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon is
making war against us. Perhaps the
LORD will deal with us according to all
his wonderful deeds and will make him
withdraw from us.”

³ Then Jeremiah said to them: “Thus you
shall say to Zedekiah.

⁴ “Thus says the LORD, the God of
Israel: Behold, I will turn back [NIV:
turn against you] the weapons of war
that are in your hands and with which
you are fighting against the king of
Babylon and against the Chaldeans who
are besieging you outside the walls. ... ⁵

I myself will fight against you with
outstretched hand and strong arm, in
anger and in fury and in great wrath. ⁶

And I will strike down the inhabitants
of this city, both man and beast. They
shall die of *a great pestilence*. ⁷

Afterward, declares the Lord, I will give
Zedekiah king of Judah and his servants
and the people in this city who survive
the pestilence, sword, and famine into
the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of
Babylon and into the hand of their
enemies, into the hand of those who
seek their lives. ...

ESV. Selected text. Italics added.

¹ NIV: turn against you