

¶ By the hād of his
By this phra- se the scrip- ture meaneth of- ten times and diligently, as Iere 11, 7 25, 3, & 4-26, & 32, 31-

¶ Til God wolde no longer suffer their finnes, but muste nedes punish them
Whether they fled, thinking to haue bene saued for the holines there- of

Which is not because God approach him which yet is the minister of his iustice, but because God wolde by his iustke iudgemēt punish this people for this King was led with ambi- tion and vaine glorie, where- into were toy- ned furie and crueltie there- fore his worke was condēna- ble, notwith- standing it was iustte and holy on Gods parte, who vsed this wicked instru- ment to decla- re his iustice.

This prayer is not in the E- brewe, but is translated out of the Greke.

¶ Thou hast promised that repentance shal be the way for the to returne to thee
He speakech this in cōpa- rison of him selfe & those holy fathers which haue sh. in cōmē- dation in the Scriptures, so that in respēct of him selfe he calleth their finnes no thng, but attra- buteth vnto them righte- ou sues

ding to all the abominacions of the hea- then, and polluted the house of the Lord which he had sanctified in Ierusalém.

15 Therefore the Lord God of their fa- thers sent to the by his messengers, rising early and sending: for he had compas- sion on his people, and on his habitacion.

16 But they mocked the messengers of God and despised his wordes, and misused his Prophetes, vntil the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, and til there was no remedie.

17 For he brought vpon them the King of the Caldeans, who slewe their yong men with the sworde in the house of the Sa- tuaric, and spared nether yong man, nor virgine, ancient, nor aged. God gaue all into his hand,

18 And all the vessels of the house of God great & small, and the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the King, and of his princes: all these caryed he to Babel.

19 And they burnt the house of God, and brake downe the wall of Ierusalém, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fyre, &

all the precious vessels thereof: to de- stroye all.

20 And they that were left by the sworde, caryed he away to Babel, and they were ser- uants to him and to his sonnes, vntil the kingdome of the Persians had rule,

21 To fulfil the worde of the Lord by the mouth of Ieremiáh, vntil the lād had her fill of her Sabbaths: for all the dayes that she lay desolate, she kept Sabbath, to fulfil seuentie yeres.

22 ¶ But in the first yere of Cyrus King of Persia (when the worde of the Lord, spoken by the mouth of Ieremiáh, was finished) the Lord stirred vp the spirit of Cyrus King of Persia, and he made a proclama- tion through all his kingdome, and also by writing, saying,

23 Thus sayth Cyrus King of Persia, All the kingdomes of the earth hath the Lord God of heauen giuen me, and he hath commanded me to buyld him an house in Ierusalém, that is in Iudáh. Who is among you of all his people, with whome the Lord his God let him go vp.

¶ Whē Cyrus King of Persia, had made the Babylonians subiect
¶ Who threat- ned the ven- geance of God, and 70 yeres captiuitie, whē he calleth the Sabbaths or rest of the lād, Iere 25, 11
Iere 25, 13- & 29, 10.
3 Esdr. 1, 1.
¶ In the first yere that he reigned ouer the Caldeans, God had so prophesied aboue an hun- dredth yeres, before Cyrus was borne, I. Sa. 44, 28, that Ie- rusalém & the Temple shoulde be buyld againe by Cyrus his anointed. so called, be- cause God vsed his seruice for a time to deliuer his Church.

THE PRAYER OF MANASSÉH King of the Iewes.

Lord almighty, God of our fathers, Abram, Isaac and Iacob, and of their righteous sede, which hast made heauen and earth with all their ornament, which hast bound the sea by the worde of thy commandement, which hast shut vp the depe and sealed it by thy terrible and glorious Name, whome all do feare & tremble before thy power: for the maiestie of thy glorie can not be borne, & thine angrie threatening toward sinners is importable, but thy merciful promes is vnmeasurable & vnsearcheable. For thou art the moste high Lord, of great compassiō, long suffring & moste merciful, & repētest for mā's miseries. Thou, O Lord, accordig to thy great goodnes hast promised a repentance & forgiuenes to them that sinne against thee, & for thine infinite mercies hast appointed repentance vnto sinners that they may be saued. Thou therefore, O Lord, that art the God of the iuste, hast not appointed repentance to the iuste, as to Abram, and Isaac and Iacob, which haue not sinned against thee, but thou hast appointed repentance vnto me that am a sinner: for I haue sinned about the nōber of the sand of the sea. My transgressions,

are multiplied: my transgressions are exceeding many: and I am not worthy to beholde & se the height of the heauēs for the multitude of mine vnrighteousnes. I am bowed downe with many yro bādes, that I cā not list vp mine head, nether haue any release. For I haue prouoked thy wrath and done euil before thee. I did not thy wil, nether kept I thy commandements. I haue set vp abominacions & haue multiplied offenses. Now therefore I bowe the kne of mine heart, besechig thee of grace. I haue sinned, O Lord, I haue sinned, & I acknowledge my trasgressiōs: but I humbly besече thee, forgiue me: O Lord, forgiue me, & destroye me not with my transgressions. Be not angry with me for euer by referuing euil for me, nether condemne me into the lower partes of the earth. For thou art the God, euen the God of them that repent: and in me thou wilt shewe all thy goodnes: for thou wilt saue me that am vnworthy, according to thy great mercie: therefore I wil praise thee for euer all the dayes of my life. for all the power of the heauens praise thee, & thine is the glorie for euer & euer, Amen.

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