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21 For this is what the Lord GOD says: 'How much worse will it be when I send against Jerusalem My four dire judgments sword, famine, wild beasts, and plague—in order to cut off from it both man and beast?

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#### 1 Samuel 2

6 The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. 7 The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts. 8 He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.

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