

## NLT

10 "This will happen because these evil prophets deceive my people by saying, 'All is peaceful' when there is no peace at all! It's as if the people have built a flimsy wall, and these prophets are trying to reinforce it by covering it with whitewash!

11 Tell these whitewashers that their wall will soon fall down. A heavy rainstorm will undermine it; great hailstones and mighty winds will knock it down.

12 And when the wall falls, the people will cry out, 'What happened to your whitewash?'

13 "Therefore, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will sweep away your whitewashed wall with a storm of indignation, with a great flood of anger, and with hailstones of fury.

14 I will break down your wall right to its foundation, and when it falls, it will crush you. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

15 At last my anger against the wall and those who covered it with whitewash will be satisfied. Then I will say to you: 'The wall and those who whitewashed it are both gone.

16 They were lying prophets who claimed peace would come to Jerusalem when there was no peace. I, the Sovereign LORD, have spoken!

## THE EXPANDED BIBLE

<sup>10</sup> "It is because they lead my people the wrong way [astray] by saying, "Peace!" when there is no peace. When the people build a weak [flimsy] wall, the prophets cover it with whitewash [<sup>c</sup>to make it look strong or to cover its flaws].

<sup>11</sup> So tell those who cover a weak wall [<sup>t</sup>it] with whitewash that it will fall down. Rain will pour down [There will be a deluge of rain], hailstones will fall, and a windstorm will break the wall down.

<sup>12</sup> When the wall has fallen, people will ask you, "Where is the whitewash you used on the wall?"

<sup>13</sup> "So this is what the Lord GOD says: I will break the wall with a windstorm. In my anger [wrath; rage] rain will pour down [there will be a deluge of rain], and hailstones will destroy the wall [fall with destructive fury].

<sup>14</sup> I will tear down the wall on which you put whitewash. I will level it to the ground so that people will see the wall's foundation [<sup>t</sup>its foundations will be laid bare/exposed]. And when the wall falls, you will be destroyed [perish] under [or within] it. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

<sup>15</sup> So I will carry out my anger [spend my wrath/rage] on the wall and against those who covered it with whitewash. Then I will tell you, "The wall is gone, and those who covered it with whitewash are gone.

<sup>16</sup> The prophets of Israel who prophesy to [or about] Jerusalem and who see visions of peace for the city, when there is no peace, will be gone, says the Lord GOD."

## THE SCRIPTURES 1998/2009

10 "Because, yea because they have led My people astray, saying, 'Peace!' when there is no peace. And when one is building a wall, see, they are coating it with whitewash!

11 "Say to those who coat it with whitewash: it shall fall! There shall be flooding rain, and you, O great hailstones: fall! – and a stormy wind breaks it down,

12 and see, the wall shall fall! Shall you not be asked, 'Where is the coating with which you coated it?' "

13 Therefore thus said the Master יהוה, "I shall break down with a stormy wind in My wrath, and a flooding rain in My displeasure, and great hailstones in wrath, to consume.

14 "And I shall throw down the wall you have coated with whitewash, and bring it down to the ground, and its foundation shall be uncovered. And it shall fall, and you shall be consumed in the midst of it. And you shall know that I am יהוה.

15 "So I shall complete My wrath on the wall and on those coating it with whitewash, and say to you, 'The wall is no more, nor those whitewashing it –

16 the prophets of Yisra'el who are prophesying concerning Yerushalayim, and who are seeing visions of peace for her when there is no peace,' " declares the Master יהוה."

## THE NET BIBLE

10 "This is because they have led my people astray saying, "All is well," when things are not well. When anyone builds a wall without mortar, they coat it with whitewash.

11 Tell the ones who coat it with whitewash that it will fall. When there is a deluge of rain, hailstones will fall and a violent wind will break out.

12 When the wall has collapsed, people will ask you, "Where is the whitewash you coated it with?"

13 "Therefore this is what the sovereign LORD says: In my rage I will make a violent wind break out. In my anger there will be a deluge of rain and hailstones in destructive fury.

14 I will break down the wall you coated with whitewash and knock it to the ground so that its foundation is exposed. When it falls you will be destroyed beneath it, and you will know that I am the LORD.

15 I will vent my rage against the wall, and against those who coated it with whitewash. Then I will say to you, "The wall is no more and those who whitewashed it are no more–

16 those prophets of Israel who would prophesy about Jerusalem and would see visions of peace for it, when there was no peace," declares the sovereign LORD.'