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unto them.”\* “I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds.”† “Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob’s tents, and have mercy on his dwelling places; and the city shall be builded upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof; and out of them shall proceed the voice of thanksgiving, and the voice of them that make merry; and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few: I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small. Their children also shall be as afore-time, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them.”‡ “Again, there shall be heard in this place, (which ye say shall be desolate without man and without beast, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate without man and without inhabitant, and without beast,) the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: the voice of them that shall say, Praise the LORD of Hosts; for the LORD is good; for His mercy endureth for ever; and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD.”§

Ezekiel was “moved by the Holy Ghost”|| to deliver, in corresponding strain, the promises of the LORD. “I will save my flock.”¶ “I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land; and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods; and I will make them, and the places round about my hill, a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season: there shall be showers of blessing. And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall give her increase; and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bonds of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hands of them that served themselves of them.”\* And, indeed, to whosever prophe-

\* Jeremiah xxx. 8, 9. † Jeremiah xxx., 17.

‡ Jer. xxx., 18, 19, 20. § Jer. xxxiii., 10, 11.

|| 2 Peter i., 21. ¶ Ezekiel xxxiv., 22.

\* Ez. xxxiv., 25, 26, 27.