

1QH^a 10.33 I give thanks to You, O Lord, for Your eye sta[nds] over my soul, and You have delivered me from the jealousy of the mediators of lies 34 and from the congregation of those who seek flattery. You have redeemed the soul of the poor one, whom they planned to put to an end, 35 pouring out his blood because he served You. Because they [did not kn]ow that my steps are directed by You, they appointed me for shame 36 and scorn in the mouth of all those who seek deceit. But You, my God, have helped the soul of the destitute and the poor 37 against one stronger than he. You have redeemed my soul from the hand of the mighty. In the midst of their reviling You have not terrified me, 38 that I might abandon Your service for fear of ruin at the hands of the wicked, or exchange a steadfast mind which [...] for a delusion. 39 [...] statutes, and by testimonies You established me to strengthen 40 [the flesh ...des]truction for all [their] offspring 41 [... a tongue] according Your teachings and [...]

1QH^a 11.2 [...] and in me [...] 3 [...] 4 [...] You have made my face to shine [...] 5 [...] for Yourself, with eternal glory together with all [... (vacat?)] 6 [...] Your mouth, and You have delivered me from [...] and from [...] 7 [...] now [my] soul [... for] they did [not] esteem me. They set [my] soul as a boat in the depths of the sea, 8 and as a fortified city befo[re her enemy.] I am in distress, as a woman about to give birth to her first born. For her pangs come over her, 9 and she has excruciating pain at the mouth of her womb, writhing in the womb of the pregnant one. For children come into life through the crashing waves of death, 10 and she who is pregnant with a male child is afflicted by her birth pains. For through the crashing waves of death she delivers a male child, through the pains of Sheol there bursts forth 11 from the womb of the pregnant one, a wonderful counselor with his strength. A male child is safely delivered from the crashing waves. Into the one who is pregnant with him rush all 12 the crashing waves, and excruciating pains when they are born, and terror to their mothers. And when he is born, all pangs come suddenly 13 to the womb of the pregnant one. But she that is pregnant with wickedness experiences excruciating pain, and the crashing waves of the pit for all works of terror. 14 And the foundations of the wall break as a ship upon the water, and the clouds thunder

with a roar. Those who sit in the dust, 15 as well as those who go down to the seas are terrified by the roar of the water, and their wise men are for them as sailors on the deeps. For

1QH^a 13.22 {I give thanks to You} Blessed are You, O Lord, for You have not abandoned the orphan, and You have not despised the poor. For Your strength [is unboun]ded and Your glory 23 without measure. Your ministers are wondrous warriors. A humbled people are in the sweepings at [Your] feet [and You have done a miracle as well] with those heedless of 24 righteousness to bring them up from out of the desolation together with all of those {heedless} lacking mercy. But I myself have become [...], strife 25 and contentions for my fellows, jealousy and anger to those who have entered into my covenant, a grumbling and a complaining to all who are my comrades. Ev[en those who sha]re my bread 26 have lifted up their heel against me, and all those who have committed themselves to my counsel speak perversely against me with unjust lips. The men of my [coun]cil rebel 27 and grumble round about. And concerning the mystery which You hid in me, they go about as slanderers to the children of destruction. Because [You] have exal[ted Yourself] in me, and for sake of 28 their guilt, You have hidden in me the spring of understanding and the counsel of truth. But they devise the ruination of their heart; [(4Q429 f1iii) and with the words of] Belial they have exhibited 29 a lying tongue; as the poison of serpents it bursts forth continuously. As those who crawl in the dust, they lie in wait so as to lay hold[of the poison]of serpents 30 for which there is no charm. And it has become an incurable pain and a tormenting agony in the bowels of Your servant, causing [my spirit] to stumble and putting an end to 31 my strength so that I might not stand firm. They overtake me in narrow places, where there is no place of refuge, nor when they [...] They intone 32 their dispute against me on the lyre, and compose their complaint to music; together with ruin and desolation. Searing pains have se[ized me] and pangs as the convulsions of 33 one giving birth. My heart is tormented within me. I have put on the garment of mourning, and my tongue clings to the roof of my mouth. For they have surrounded me [with ...] of their heart, and their desire 34 has appeared to me as bitterness. The light of my countenance becomes dark, and my splendor is

transformed to gloom. (vacat) But You, O my God, 35 have opened a wide space in my heart, but they continue to press in, and they shut me up in deep darkness, so that I eat the bread of groaning, 36 and my drink is tears without end. For my eyes have become weak from anger and my soul by daily bitterness. Grief and misery 37 surround me, and shame is upon my face. My bread has become strife, and my drink contention. They enter my bones, 38 causing my spirit to stumble and putting an end to my strength. In accordance with the mysteries of transgression, they are perverting the works of God by their guilt. For I have been bound with ropes 39 which cannot be pulled loose, and with fetters which cannot be broken. A strong wall [surrounds me;] iron bars and [bronze] gates [which can no]t be opened. 40 My prison is reckoned with the deep without [escape ... the torrents of,] 41 [Be]l[i]al encompass my soul [... (vacat?)]

1QH^a 14.4 [...] 5 my heart in contempt [...] 6 and disaster without bounds, destruction without [... But You, O my God,] 7 have opened my ears [to the admon]ition of those who rebuke righteously, with [... You rescued me] 8 from the congregation [of fra]ud and the council of violence, and brought me into the council of [Your holiness ...] guilt. 9 I know there is hope for those who turn from rebellion, and for those who abandon sin in [...] to walk 10 in the way of Your heart without injustice. I am comforted despite the roar of the people and the clamor of kingdoms when they gather themselves together. [For] I [kn]ow that 11 You will soon raise up survivors among Your people and a remnant among Your inheritance. You will refine them so that they may be cleansed from guilt. (vacat) For all 12 their works are in Your truth, and in Your mercies You will judge them with abundant compassion and bountiful forgiveness; teaching them according to Your word. 13 According to Your upright truth You determined them in Your counsel for Your glory. For Your sake You have worked to make the law and truth great for [...] 14 the men of Your council among humankind, to recount Your wonders to successive generations and [med]itate unceasingly on Your mighty works. 15 All the peoples shall know Your truth and all nations Your glory. For You have brought [Your] t[ruth and g]lory 16 to all the men of Your council, in the lot together with the angels of presence. And there is no mediator for

[Your] ho[ly ones ...] 17 its fruit, for [...] They will return at Your glorious word and they shall be Your princes in the [eternal] lo[t. ...] 18 a blossom, as a flo[wer that blooms for] eternal [splend]or, to raise up a shoot to be the branches of an eternal planting. It will cast shade over all the wor[ld and its branches will reach] 19 as far as the heaven[s] and its roots to the depths. All the rivers of Eden [shall water] its [b]r[anch]es. There shall be [seas without] 20 limits and they shall encircle the world without end, and as far as Sheol [...] the spring of light shall become an everlasting fountain 21 without turning aside. In its brilliant flames all the child[ren of injustice] shall burn, [and it shall] become a fire which burns up all the men of 22 guilt completely. They who committed themselves to my testimony have let themselves be seduced by [false] inter[preters, so as to bring the stranger] into the service of righteousness. 23 But You, O God, have commanded them to gain profit from their ways by [walking] in the way of [Your] holin[ess.] The uncircumcised, the defiled, and the violent 24 do not traverse it. They stagger away from the way of Your heart and in the destruction [of their sin] they [stumb]le. Like a counselor, Belial is 25 with their heart. [They establish] a scheme of wickedness; they wallow in their guilt. [...] I have [become] as a sailor on a ship in the raging 26 seas; their waves and all their breakers come over me. A staggering wind roars [without] calm to revive the soul nor any 27 paths to make a straight way over the waters. The depths roar to my groaning and [my] lif[e approaches] the gates of death. I am 28 as one who enters a fortified city and seeks shelter behind a high wall until his deliverance. I re[ly] on Your truth, my God, for You 29 set a foundation upon the rock, beams upon a just measuring line and tru[e] plumb line, to [ma]ke the tested stones into a 30 strong building which shall not be shaken. All who enter it shall not totter. For the stranger may not enter her [gat]es; armored doors do not allow 31 entry, and strong bolts which do not shatter. A troop with its weapons of war may not enter in, though all the s[words] of 32 wicked wars be destroyed. Then the sword of God shall hasten to the time of judgment and all the children of His truth shall awaken to put an end to [the children of] 33 wickedness, and all the children of guilt shall be no more. The hero shall draw his bow, and the fortification shall open [...] 34 as an open country without end. The eternal gates shall open to bring out the

weapons of war, and they shall be migh[t]y from one end of the world to the other 35 ... But there is no escape for the creatures of guilt, they shall be trampled down to destruction with no rem[nant. And there is no] hope in the abundance of ... , 36 and for all the heroes of war there is no refuge. (vacat) For [victory belongs] to God Most High [...] 37 Raise the ensign, O you who lie in the dust, and let the worms of the dead lift a banner for [...] they cut [...] 38 in the battles of the arrogant. And He shall cause a raging flood to pass through, which shall not enter the fortified city [...] 39 [...] for plaster and as a beam for [...] 40 truth [...] 41 [...]

1QH^a 15.4 [...] I am speechless [...] these [...] 5 [...] my [ar]m is shattered at the shoulder, and my foot has sunk in the mire. My eyes are sealed shut from seeing 6 evil, my ears from hearing of bloodshed, and my heart is stupefied because of evil plotting. For Belial is manifest when the true nature of their being is revealed. 7 All the foundations of my frame crumble. My bones are separated, and my bowels are like a ship in a raging 8 storm. My heart roars as to destruction, and a spirit of staggering overwhelms me. All because of the ruin caused by their sin. (vacat)

1QH^a 16.5 I g[ive thanks to You, O Lord, for] You set me by a fountain which flows in a dry land, a spring of water in a desolate land, a well watered 6 garden [and a pool ...] You [plan]ted a stand of juniper and pine together with cypress for Your glory; trees of 7 life at the secret spring, hidden among all the trees by the water so that a shoot might grow up into an eternal planting. 8 Taking root before they shoot up, they stretch out their roots to the watercourse, that its trunk might be open to the living water 9 and become an eternal fountain. On its leafy branches every wild animal of the forest shall graze, and its trunk shall become a gathering place to all who pass 10 and its branches roosts for all the birds. All the tre[es] by the water rise over it, for in their stand they grow tall, 11 but they do not stretch out their root toward the watercourse. The shoot of h[o]liness grows up into a planting of truth, hidden 12 and not esteemed. And because it is not known its secret is sealed up. (vacat) But You, O [G]od, You protect its fruit with the mystery of powerful warriors, 13 holy spirits, and the whirling flame of fire so that none may [come to

the] fountain of life, nor with eternal trees 14 drink the waters of holiness, nor make his fruit flourish with [the plan]t of the heavens. Namely, the one though he sees has not recognized, 15 and considering has not believed in the spring of life and so gives [...] eternal. I have become the mockery of flooding rivers, 16 for they toss up their slime over me. (vacat) 17 But You, O my God, have placed Your words in my mouth, as showers of early rain, for all [who thirst] and as a spring of living waters. The heavens shall not fail to open, 18 nor shall they run dry, but shall become a stream pouring out up[on ...] water and then to seas without en[d.] 19 Those hidden away flow suddenly [...] and they shall become a de[luge for every] 20 green and dry tree; a lake for every wild animal and bi[rd as] lead in mighty water[s,] 21 ... fire and they dry up. But the planting of fruit [...] eternally, to a glorious Eden and frui[t ...] 22 And by my hand You have opened their spring with [its] channels [...] turning in accordance with the proper measurement, and the stand 23 of their trees according to the plumb line of the sun for [...] glorious branches. When I extend my hand to weed 24 its ditches, its roots stretch out into the flinty stone and [...] their trunk in the earth. In the time of heat it retains 25 its strength. But if I withdraw my hand, it shall become like a junip[er in the wilderness;] its trunk as nettles in a barren land, and its ditches 26 shall produce thorns and thistles, briars and weeds [... on] its banks turn into worthless trees. In 27 the heat its leaves wither and are not restored by the spri[ng of water ... my] dwelling is with the sick, and [my] heart k[no]ws 28 agonies. I have become like a man who is forsaken by [...] there is no refuge for me. For my agony breaks out 29 to bitterness, and an incurable pain without stopping, [... ro]ars over me, like those who descend into Sheol. Among 30 the dead my spirit searches, for [my] li[fe] goes down to the pit [...] my soul is faint day and night 31 without rest. And my agony breaks out as a burning fire shut up within [my] b[ones] whose flame consumes for days on end, 32 putting an end to my strength without ceasing and destroying my flesh without end. The billows break over me 33 and my soul is completely worn down. For my strength is departed from my body, my heart is poured out as water, 34 and my flesh is melted as wax. The strength of my loins has become a calamity, my arm is broken from the shoulder, [and I am no]t [able] to swing my hand. 35 My [foo]t is caught in

fetters, my knees become as water, and I am not able to take a step; there is no sound to the tread of my feet. 36 ... are pulled loose by stumbling chains, and my tongue You had exalted in my mouth, but no longer. No more can 37 my [tong]ue give forth its voice for instru[ction] to revive the spirits of those who stumble, and to support the weary with a word. The voice of my lips is silent 38 [...] with chains of judgment [...] or in the bitterness [...] heart ... dominion 39 [...] the earth [...] 40 [...] they have been silenced as not 41 [...] humankind, not (vacat?)

1QH^a 17.1 [...] 2 [...] by night and [...] 3 [...] without compassion. In wrath He awakes mistrust and completely [...] 4 the breakers of death and Sheol are over my couch. My bed lifts up a lamentation, [and my pallet] a sound of groanings. 5 My eyes are as a moth in a furnace, and my weeping is as brooks of water. My eyes fail for rest, [and ...] stands 6 at a great distance from me, and my life has been set aside. But as for me, from ruin to desolation, from pain to agony, and from travails 7 to torments, my soul meditates on Your wonders. In Your mercy You have not rejected me. Time 8 and time again my soul delights in the abundance of Your compassion. I give an answer to those who would wipe me out, 9 and reproof to those who would cast me down. I will condemn his verdict, but Your judgment I honor, for I know 10 Your truth. I shall choose my judgment, and with my agony I am satisfied, for I have waited upon Your mercy. You have put 11 a supplication in the mouth of Your servant, and You have not rebuked my life, nor have You removed my well-being. You have not forsaken 12 my hope, but in the face of affliction You have restored my spirit. For You have established my spirit and know my deliberations. 13 In my distress You have soothed me, and I delight in forgiveness. I shall be comforted for former sin. 14 I know that there is hope in Your mercy, and an expectation in the abundance of Your power. For no one is justified 15 in Your jud[g]ment, and no one is bl[ameless in] Your litigation. One man may be more righteous than another, or one person may be wiser [than his fell]ow, 16 humanity is more honored than a vessel of c[lay,] and one spirit may surpass another spirit; but as for Your mighty str[ength,] no 17 power can compare. To Your glory there are no [bounds, and] to Your wisdom there is no measure, nor is there [...] 18 and for everyone

who has forsaken it [...] (vacat) But in You, I [...] 19 with me, and not [...] 20 And when they plot [...] against me, [...] and if the face shows shame [...] 21 for me. And You [...] You strengthened my enemies against me as a stumbling block to [...] 22 men of war [... sh]ame of face and reproach for those grumble against me. (vacat) 23 But You, O my God, for [...] You plead my case. For in the mystery of Your wisdom You have reprov'd me. 24 You hide the truth in [its time ... until] its appointed time. Your chastisement has become joy and gladness to me, 25 and my agonies have become an et[ernal] healing and unending [...] The contempt of my enemies has become a glorious crown for me, and my stumbling, eternal strength. 26 For by [Your ...] and Your glory, my light has shined forth, for You have caused light from darkness 27 to shine for me [... You bring healing for] my wounds; for my stumbling, wonderful strength; an infinite space 28 for the distress of [my] soul. [You are] my place of refuge, my stronghold, the rock of my strength and my fortress. In You 29 I take refuge from all [...] for an eternal escape. For You from my father 30 have known me, from the womb [You have set me apart and from the belly of] my mother You have rendered good to me. From the breasts of she who conceived me, Your compassion 31 has been mine. And in the embrace of my nurse [...] and from my youth You have shined the insight of Your judgment on me. 32 With a sure truth You have supported me, and by Your holy spirit You have delighted me; even until this day [...] 33 Your righteous chastisement is with my ... and the protection of Your peace delivers my soul. With my steps is 34 abundant forgiveness and bountiful compassion when You enter into judgment with me. Until old age You shall provide for me, for 35 my father did not know me, and my mother abandoned me to You. For You are a father to all the children of Your truth, and You rejoice 36 over them as a loving mother over her nursing child. As a guardian with his embrace, You provide for all Your creatures.

1QH^a 20.7 [For the Instructor: a hymn of than]ksgiving and prayer, to prostrate oneself and appeal for grace unceasingly, at all times. With the coming of the light 8 from [its] domi[nion], through the course of the day in respect to its plan in accordance with the laws of the great light;

as the day turns to evening with the departure of 9 the light at the beginning of the rule of darkness; the time appointed for the night. And then according to its course, when night turns to morning, at the time 10 it is gathered to its dwelling before the light, at the departure of the night and the coming of the day. This occurs continually, at all 11 the birthings of the seasons from the foundation of time. And the change of seasons in their order is determined by their signs, for all 12 their dominion by the faithful plan of the mouth of God and the destiny of that which exists shall continue. 13 There is nothing other, and beside it there has not been, nor shall it be otherwise, for the God of knowledge 14 has determined it and there is no other beside Him. (vacat) And I, the Instructor, have known You, O my God, by the spirit 15 which You gave me, and I have listened faithfully to Your wondrous counsel by Your holy spirit. 16 You have opened within me knowledge in the mystery of Your insight, and a spring of [Your] strength [... in the] midst. 17 There shall be an abundance of mercy, but a ruinous zeal and [You]brought to an end[...] 18 [...] the majesty of Your glory as an etern[al] light [...] 19 [...] from] fear of wickedness, and there is no deceit [...] 20 [...] appointed times of desolation. For there is no [...] 21 [...] there is [n]o more insolence. For before Yo[ur] anger [...] 22 [...] my trembling. There is none righteous beside You [...] 23 [to] give insight in all Your mysteries, and to give an answer [...] 24 [...] for Your condemnation, and for Your goodness they watch. For in [Your] mercy [...] 25 and they know You. In the time of Your glory they rejoice, and according to [...] According to their insight 26 You bring them near, and according to their authority they serve You in [their] divisions.[...] from You 27 not to transgress Your word. But I was taken from dust [and from clay] I was [fo]rmed 28 as a fountain of filth and obscene shame, a pile of dust and kneaded [with water ...] and the abode 29 of darkness. And a return to dust for a vessel of clay at the end of [...] in the dust 30 to the place from where it was taken. And what shall the dust answer and [...] and what] shall it understand 31 [of] its [works?] And how shall it stand its ground before the one who rebukes it [... ho]liness 32 [...] eternal, stores of glory, and a fountain of knowledge and marvelous strength; and they are not 33 [able] to recount all Your glory, nor to take a stand before Your anger, nor is it possible to give an answer to 34 Your chastisement. For You are

righteous and there is none to compare with You. So what then is the one who returns to its dust?
35 As for me, I am speechless. What shall I say concerning this? According to my knowledge I
speak. But I am mere spit (?), a vessel of clay, what 36 shall I speak unless You open my mouth?
How shall I understand unless You give me insight? What shall I s[ay] 37 unless You reveal it to
my heart? How shall I make the way straight except [You] determine [my steps? How shall my
foot] 38 stand fast be[fore You except I be] strengthened with power? How shall I rise up [...] 39
And all [...] 40 the [...] 41 as [...] 42 and [...]

1QH^a 21.2 [... tra]nsgression of one born of a wo[man] 3 [...] Your righteousness 4 [...] I have
seen this 5 [... How] shall I see unless You have uncovered my eyes or hear 6 [unless You have
unstopped my ears? ...] my [h]eart was made desolate. For to the uncircumcised of ear, a word is
revealed and the heart 7 [...] I know that for Yourself You have done these things, O my God.
What is mere humankind 8 [... to] do wonderfully. In Your plan to confirm and determine
everything for Your glory 9 [...] the host of knowledge, to recount powerful deeds to a mere
human, and sure laws for one who is born of 10 [a woman ... You have broug]ht [...] into a
covenant with Yourself and You have uncovered the heart of dust to guard itself 11 [...] from the
traps of judgment corresponding to Your compassion. I am a creature 12 [of clay ... of du]st and
a heart of stone. With whom am I to be reckoned until this occurs? For 13 [...] You have [gi]ven
[...] to ears of dust, and You have engraved eternity on the heart 14 [of stone ...] You have
ceased [...] so as to bring him into a covenant with Yourself and to stand 15 [in the judgments of
the witnesses]in the eternal abode, as a light of the perfect light for ever; and darkness will flee 16
[...] without] end, and times of peace without bo[unds ...] 17 [...] I am a vessel of dust [...] 18
[...] Your name. I will open [my] mo[uth ...] 19 [...] inclination[...] 20 [...] 21 [...] a net of
[the pit] is [spr]ead [... and on its paths are the snares of Abaddon ...] 22 [...] a way was opened
to [walk ...] 23 [...in the] paths of peace, and with mere human flesh to do wonders [like these
...] 24 [...] and my steps [will tread] upon the hiding places for traps and spreading place[s for
the net and ...] 25 [...How can] I, a vessel of dust, keep from being shattered and melting as wax

as [it melts before the fire ...] 26 [...] ash heaps. How can I stand before the rag[ing] wind [... As for me, He establishes me in ...] 27 [...] and He keeps him for the mysteries of His delight. For He knows [...] 28 [... unt]il annihilation, and they hide trap after trap, the snares of wickedness [...] 29 [...] with injustice, and every deceitful vessel is destroyed. For not [...] 30 [...] there is not, and the unjust intention is no more and the works of deceit [...] 31 [...] (vacat) I am a vessel of [clay ...] 32 [...] How shall he strengthen himself before You? You are the God of [...] 33 [...] You have made them, and apart from You nothing is made [...] 34 [... I am a vess]el of dust. I know, by the spirit which You have given me [...] 35 [...] injustice and deceit are poured out, and arrogance ceased [...] 36 [...] the works of filth lead to sicknesses, agonizing judgments, and destruction [...] 37 [...] Yours anger and avenging jealousy[...] 38 [... and I am a] vessel of cl[ay ...]

1QH^a 22.3 [...] 4 [...] 5 [... in the ho]ly [habitation] which is in heaven 6 [... gr]eat and it is a wonder. But they are not able 7 [...] Your [wonder]s and they are not able to know all 8 [...] retu]rns to its dust. I am a rebellious man and defiled 9 [...] the guilt of wickedness. And I, in the times of wrath 10 [...] raised up in the face of my agonies, and guarding myself 11 [... You] made me [kno]w these things. For there is hope for man 12 [... You] abhor. I, a vessel of clay, depend 13 [...] my God. I know that 14 Your command is true[... You do not go] back [on Your word.] I, in my appointed time, take hold of 15 [Your] covenan[t ...] in my office You have appointed me. For 16 [...] man, and You restore him; and for what [...] 17 [...] vessel ... , You are mighty and [...] 18 [...] in ... without hop[e ...] 19 [...] I am a vessel of [clay] 20 [...] 21 [...] which [...] 22 [... ev]ening and morning with [...] 23 [...] man and from [...] 24 [...] we shall rejoice [...] they watch, and upon their courses [...] 25 noblemen [...] not [...] You rebuke every adversary who ruins and [...] 26 mine, from that time I established [...] and You have uncovered my ear. For [...] 27 he shall not enter, for [...] the men of the covenant were deceived by them. And [they] shall go [...] 28 like my frame and [...] before You. I have feared Your judgment [...] 29 [...] Your [...] Who shall stand blameless in Your judgment? And what [then

is man ...] 30 [...] I in the judgment. The one who returns to his dust, what [...] 31 [...] You have opened my heart to Your understanding, and You open [my] e[ars ...] 32 leaning upon Your goodness. But my heart groans [...] 33 [...] and my heart melts as wax because of transgression and sin. 34 [...] Blessed are You, O God of knowledge, because You have determined [...] 35 [...] and this happened to Your servant for Your sake. For I know 36 [...] Your [...] I hope with all my being, and Your name I bless continuously. 37 [...] Your [...] do not forsake me in times of 38 [...] and Your glory and [Your] go[od ...] 39 [...] upon [...]