1. And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

2. Son of man. What is the vine tree more than any tree, [or than] a branch which is among the trees of the forest?

3. Shall wood be taken thereof to do any work? or will [men] take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon?

4. Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire devoureth both the ends of it, and the midst of it is burned. Is it meet for [any] work?

5. Behold, when it was whole, it was meet for no work; how much less shall it be meet yet for [any] work, when the fire hath devoured it, and it is burned?

6. Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

7. And I will set my face against them; they shall go out from [one] fire, and [another] fire shall devour them; and ye shall know that I [am] the LORD, when I set my face against them.

8. And I will make the land desolate, because they have committed a trespass, saith the Lord GOD.